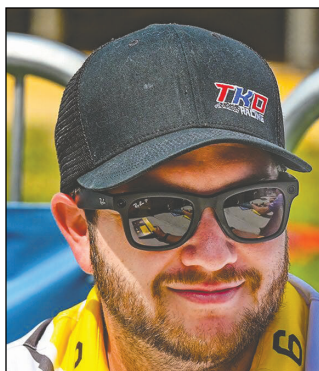
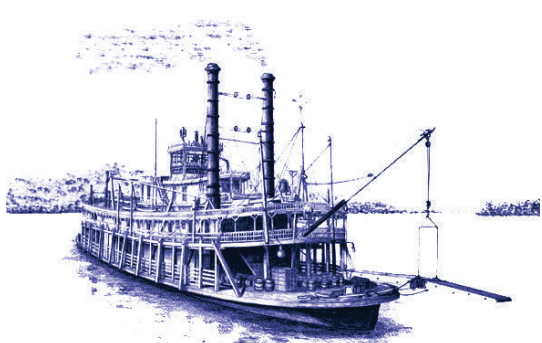




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Madison budget postponed to October

BY MARK CAMPBELL

The first reading and adoption of Madison's 2026 budget will be delayed until October as city officials work to make cuts to balance revenue shortfalls caused by property tax cuts adopted by the 2025 Indiana General Assembly.

Madison Clerk-treasurer Shirley Rynearson is anticipating a first reading on Tuesday, Oct. 7, and

the budget hearing and second reading on Tuesday, Oct. 21. She said the budget will be posted online prior to that for public review.

Mayor Bob Courtney said the extra time was needed because the budget plan developed during budget workshops were based on estimates. As the city has received more information and details on the impact of that state legislation, which will make changes in home property

tax credits, the city's tax circuit breaker has also changed.

Speaking near the end of Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting, Courtney said the city is now anticipating a 2026 budget of \$15.8 million as opposed to the \$16.5 million budget being considered at the budget workshops attended by council members.

"It's been quite an exercise to work through the budget and see

what can be cut or transferred into another budget," Courtney said. "What we were working to do, as we've done in the past, is preserve our General Fund. The General Fund pays 95 to 100% of salaries and benefits for our staff, police and fire department and all of the essential services that we provide. And that is funded by the property tax levy so there's lots of other revenue that we have to create that supports the

balance of our budget.

Courtney said the city's property tax levy for 2026 should generate approximately \$8.2 million, but Madison has an almost \$16 million budget.

"That shows you how much additional revenue has to be created through other forms of revenue like income tax, utility fees, fines and

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Drive Time



Mark Campbell

A contractor works from a bucket truck among utility lines and heavy afternoon traffic Wednesday to upgrade the traffic signals at Clifty and Harry Nichols drives on Madison's hilltop. The traffic light changes are part of a bigger overhaul of Clifty Drive that includes storm sewer work, sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA accommodations, lane adjustments, milling and paving and new striping.

CHARLIE'S BEAT

The driving force behind the Ohio Theatre

Indefatigable. That is the single best word I could come

up with to describe the husband and wife team of Chuck Requet and Elizabeth Auxier. They are the driving force behind the inexorable renovation at our beloved downtown Ohio Theatre.

"We created the non-profit in March of 2016 and have been volunteering since then," explains Elizabeth. "Chuck



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and I don't own the Ohio Theatre, it's owned and managed by our non-profit board, Friends of the Ohio Theatre Inc. None of us have been paid for our work, nor will we ever be.

"We look at the project, and our efforts over the years, as our gift to the community. It will be a tremendous legacy when it is done, and it will absolutely be completed eventually, make no mistake.

"I'll be the first to admit it has taken longer than we envisioned

when we joined the effort nine years ago. But as most people know, we had a pretty devastating fire in 2018, followed right on its heels by the big COVID shutdown. It's been a challenge to keep up momentum, but we made a commitment and we will stick by the theater until it is done.

Astute theater watchers may have noticed that the Ohio has been dormant for a few months, without the usual movies, music

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Bentz named CEO of Boys and Girls Club

BY BOB DEMAREE

Dustin Bentz was officially hired Wednesday as Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, a role he had served as interim since the resignation of David Woolpy on July 18.

For Bentz, who participated at the club in his youth, it's a dream job.

"I grew up there. My kids grew up there. I have a super passion for all things Boys and Girls Club and the impact it can have on the youth of Madison," said Bentz.

Becoming the CEO is "an opportunity to be able to impact youth in the community, to show them what I was able to experience in the club" help them to know "what makes Madison special.

"They are our future. We want to make sure they are here, establish themselves and want to give back to the community," said Bentz, adding it's also a chance to "take underprivileged kids and show them there's a way. There's a path to fulfill and we're here to help them."

For the last four years, Bentz has served as director of adult education for Jennings County School Corporation. Prior to that, he worked in adult education with Madison Consolidated Schools for two years and with the Madison Area Educational Special Services Unit for 12 years.

A 1998 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, Bentz was an outstanding wrestler for the Cubs, finishing as state runner-up in the 275-pound weight class in 1997 and fifth in the 275 class at the state finals in 1998.

Ray Black Jr., former CEO of the Lide White Boys and Girls Club, was also Bentz's wrestling coach. "He drove me all over the country for wrestling," said Bentz, adding that Black gave him his first job at the club at 14 years old working in the concession stand.



Dustin Bentz

Bentz said he is now thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Boys and Girls Club, and take the club to the next level. "We're

looking at transforming the club and bringing it up to date," developing programming, creating structure and training the staff.

Bentz also wants to strengthen the club's outdoor spaces.

"I want to take our outdoor areas and make them more community friendly, more inviting to the community, and something the whole community can use."

Woolpy had been CEO for nearly three years, succeeding Brandi Poling who served in the role from August 2018 to March 2021. Black is the longest serving CEO, from 1984-2018 (34 years) with John Paul the second longest from 1957-1984 (27 years).

Bentz and his wife, Dr. Gina Bentz, reside in Madison with their two children, Sofia, a senior at MCHS, and Brendan, a sophomore at MCHS. He has served on the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees since the fall of 2024.

Bentz's hiring was made official at a noon meeting Wednesday of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County. He expressed appreciation to Carl Tyree, the Club's resource development director, for his help in transitioning into his new role as CEO. "He's been there helping me every day getting in the community and meeting people. The staff there is tremendous."

Bentz said, over the last month while serving as interim, "I have been humbled by all the positive responses I got. I appreciate all the support, people that reached out to me, people that offered to go to board to give me vocal support. It was very overwhelming. It makes you feel special when people reach out, and makes you feel what you're doing is making a difference, and that's all I'm trying to do."



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Kellems disputes 'false claims' on riverfront proposal transparency

Like others, I have followed closely the lively community conversation about the proposed Coal Property development and am concerned about repeated false assertions by opponents who state incorrectly that the lengthy grant funding process happened out of public view.

As a former at-large member of city council, I write to draw attention to several significant public meeting dates and highlight important Madison Courier coverage of the READI grant process — key information which today is absent in the debate over proposed new downtown rental housing.

I have not taken a public position on the matter; I have tried to informally answer basic questions about the clear division of labor between the role of local elected officials on one hand, versus the funding role of the State of Indiana, and finally that of an appointed five-county regional development authority of which I am Jefferson County's volunteer representative. Board members receive no compensation.

To summarize, local governments apply for grants to the RDA board, which ranks them through a detailed blind scoring process and forwards the rankings to the state for more in-depth analysis and final funding determinations. To better understand and track this process merely requires reading our local paper. Also, RDA meetings are open to the public and even include a live Zoom link for virtual attendance.

I tip my hat to Bob Demaree and The Madison Courier for the most thorough coverage in the region of our public RDA meetings over the past decade. The Courier also does heavy lifting daily by covering public meetings of City Council, Redevelopment Commission, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Historic District Board of Review, among others.

A quick review of online Courier articles shows, for instance, that the city's riverfront property purchase goes all the way back to May 19, 2021.

Mayor Courtney and Madison's economic development director delivered formal presentations about the city's application for riverfront housing funds and other projects to the RDA board in public meetings on three occasions — two of which were held in Jefferson County (Feb. 9, 2024 at Hanover College and April 3, 2024 at Ivy Tech).

Furthermore, a sampling of minutes from Redevelopment Commission meetings shows:

"The amphitheater, bridge illumination, riverfront development and housing will all be considered for submission for READI 2.0."

October 3, 2023 — "The bridge illumination,

amphitheater project, 3 housing projects ... are the projects that were submitted for READI 2.0."

May 14, 2024 — "They believe even after the Residences at Sunrise Crossing are built that we will still need an additional 100 units of market rate rental units."

September 10, 2024 — "There is also support with the Madison coal property and the single-family residential project. We submitted a 53-unit housing project for higher end rental units as a part of READI 2.0."

January 14, 2025 — "... the city will direct funds toward the Riverfront Housing project and the Bicentennial Park Amphitheater. Work is underway with developers for the Riverfront Housing."

And from city council minutes:

April 16, 2024 — "Tony (Steinhardt) presented the city's plans for READI 2.0 Additionally, Tony presented ideas and considerations for READI 2.0 projects. You can find the full presentation and more information on the City of Madison's YouTube channel and website."

May 6, 2025 — "Kevin Kellems ... also spoke, sharing insight into the RDA's role, responsibilities, and goals as a redevelopment authority."

In 2011, I was elected city-wide to council. As a first-time local candidate with low name-identification, I won due to a distinct campaign platform advocating greater transparency and public accountability at city hall. Since then, both city and county governments here have come a long way in the right direction.

But with active citizen engagement comes a level of civic responsibility to self-educate, in this case via a wide variety of public meetings, public records and news content — as well as easy-to-access content on Madison's website, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Citizens who do attend the many public meetings can, of course, make comments and ask questions of elected and appointed officials.

But there also is a genuine responsibility to represent accurately what in this case has been a lengthy and highly accessible public process surrounding decisions regarding public funds.

To describe it otherwise misleads other citizens who either cannot or do not spend the time required to be close observers of local governance; doing so is a disservice to this community.

As a former newspaper reporter who covered our region and based on the evidence summarized above, assertions that the city's riverfront housing objectives were hidden from the public are simply false.

Kevin Shaw Kellems is a former member of Madison Common Council.



KEVIN KELLEMS

Canaan man dies in crash on SR 7

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A multi-vehicle collision in the 8000 block of State Road 7 in Jefferson County resulted in the death of a Canaan man Monday afternoon.

Edwin Dale Harmon, 50, died from injuries he suffered in a three-vehicle crash. Harmon was pinned in his vehicle and was extricated by fire and medical personnel. He died from his injuries on his way to be airlifted to University of Louisville hospital.

Two others were airlifted to the hospital — a juvenile who was a passenger in Harmon's vehicle and Gavin Creed Perry,

18, North Vernon, the driver of one of the other vehicles.

The accident occurred Harmon's vehicle, which was pulling a trailer that was hauling another vehicle, collided with Perry's vehicle. Harmon's wife, Bonnie Jean Harmon, 49, Canaan, was following behind Harmon and was caught up in the crash when the vehicle being transported flipped. She received treatment at the scene and was released.

Agencies providing on-site support included Dupont Fire Department, Madison Township Fire Department, City of Madison Clifty Six Fire Department, Hanover Fire

Department, the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, PHI Air Methods, St. Vincent Helicopter Service and Norton's King's Daughters Health EMS.

The crash, which closed State Road 7 for six hours, remains under investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Indiana State Police Reconstruction Team

CRASH FATAL ON I-71

Elsewhere, Kentucky State Police responded to a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 71 in Carroll County that resulted in a fatality at 5:20 a.m. Wednesday.

Cassandra Walker, 75,

Nashville, Tennessee, was pronounced dead on the scene by Carroll County Coroner Brent Stucker.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2016 Ford C-Max driven by Walker was traveling north on I-71 and rear-ended a 2014 Ford F-250, also traveling north, driven by Ricky Woods, 65, of Turners Station, Kentucky. Walker's compact car veered off the roadway and struck the rear end of a disabled commercial motor vehicle on the right shoulder of the interstate.

The investigation is ongoing by a Kentucky State Police Post 5 Accident Reconstructionist.

AG OKs multi-county drug task force

Carroll, Trimble to participate in project

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman has approved a multi-county drug task force that will include Carroll, Trimble and up to four other counties along with Kentucky State Police, largely funded through Opioid Abatement funds.

Current task force participants include Carroll, Trimble, Henry

and Oldham counties as well as the Kentucky State Police. Gallatin and Owen counties have previously expressed interest in the project, but have not yet officially signed on.

Henry County Sheriff Keith Perry, who previously made presentations to Carroll and Trimble Fiscal Courts seeking their participation and support for the project, announced the AG's decision at a meeting of Henry County Fiscal Court.

The task force will largely be focused on policing drug trafficking along Interstate 71, investigating the link between drug sales and drug overdoses, and other drug-related crimes.

The unit will be made up of

officers assigned to the task force from the participating agencies as well as officers hired specifically for that assignment. While the unit will be centrally based, the officers will do field work and investigations throughout the participating counties including leading undercover operations and conducting drug buys as well as being the primary responding unit on drug cases and investigations throughout the jurisdiction.

Perry had said while individual departments are capable of drug investigations the specialized unit will make that it's primary focus. He noted that deputies and road troopers

attempting to stakeout a drug operation or suspect are often called off those investigations to respond to other emergency calls, which hinders their ability to see those investigations through.

While task force members will be available for other calls if absolutely needed, having the task force as an addition to existing departments decreases the likelihood that will be needed.

In addition to funding from the opioid abatement program, the task force will also draw revenue from cash and liquidation of property seized during drug investigations resulting in convictions.

Lotteries

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Hoosier Lotto 15-16-18-20-29-32 (9/3). Estimated Jackpot: \$1.8 million. Next Drawing (9/6). Cash Five: 15-17-25-31-41 (9/3) Cash 4 Life: 3-9-39-48-56 CB: 1 (9/3)

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Cash Ball: 8-20-23-28 CB: 2 (9/3)

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Sept. 1, 2025

Christopher M. Forehand Jr., 22, Louisville, for Escape, a Level 5 felony; Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level felony; Criminal Trespass and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognition.

Simeon Christopher James, 21, Madison, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; and Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Sept. 2, 2025

Ethan Emery Stidham, 20, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Andrew Michael Tankersley, 21, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; and Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Carlee Trista Taylor, 52, Hanover, on a court ordered probation violation. No bond.

Sept. 3, 2025

Kimberly Dawn Smitha, 43, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Judy Ann Zentmyer, 56, Booneville, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

Ellen Aldridge, 26, Lexington, Indiana, Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Eneida Espiniza-Lopez, 56, for Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License-Prior Conviction, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a hold for United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Department of Homeland Security. No bond.

Robert William Lewis Gates, 53, Madison, Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Cassandra Lynn Webster, 43, Madison, for Impersonating a Public Servant, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia, both Class C misdemeanors. Bond \$500 cash.

Sept. 4, 2025

Derek William Barnes, 37, Hanover, for Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 6 felony; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misde-

meanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Aug. 29, 2025

Michael K. Jester, 64, Milton, Kentucky, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with credit for 8 days jail served and 172 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and defendant to stay away from the property of McWhiggins Wonder Emporium, 220 West Main Street, Madison.

Sept. 2, 2025

John R. Terrell Jr., 43, Salem, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of a Device or Substance Used to Interfere with Drug/Alcohol Screening and Possession of Marijuana, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to 180 days on each charge, consecutive, with credit for 4 days jail served and balance suspended to 356 days supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs. If no violations after 176 days, probation may convert to unsupervised.

Jacqueline Faith Bowen, 63, Madison, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days jail served and 355 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Earl Allen Michael Kennedy, 36, Versailles, Indiana, to an amended charge of Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Gregory A. Burchfield, 53, Madison, for Battery, and Possession of Marijuana, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to 2 days jail on each count, concurrent and served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Gavin Tyler Etherton, 21, Hanover, to an amended charge of Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 70 days jail served and 295 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$639 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to remain in effect.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Aug. 29, 2025

Mendi Howell, James Gianoti (trustees), Bitty Ringo Revocable Living Trust and Bitty Ringo to Lands Trust Company, 851 South Deer Bend Drive, Hanover.

Justin Ray Robertson and Mikon Colours Robertson to Karen Todd, 2306 Blackmore Street, Madison.

Mark A. Timmons and Bobbie Jo A. Timmons to Dawnangelina Claghorn, 316 East First Street, Madison.

Christopher Hale and David G. Hale (deceased) to Christopher Hale, 2689 East Thornton Road, Madison.

T23 Enterprises LLC to Lukas Bowling, 2707 Lanier Drive, Madison.

Robert G. Bushong, Allison Bushong, Virginia Sue Bushong and Virginia Sue Canfield (now known) to Allison Bushong, 288 South Brooksbury Main Street, Madison.

Robert C. Hicks MD and

Charlene L. Hicks to Mark Horine, 1050 Michigan Road, Madison.

Jill Combs to Anna F. Lamson, 438 Green Road, Madison.

Comeaux Rental Properties LLC to Benjamin Sommer and Amy Sommer, 207 November Street, Hanover.

Walter Hubbard and Kayla Hubbard to Madison 312 Partner LLC, Buddydale LLC and Crafty83 LLC, 9746 West Swan Road, Lexington.

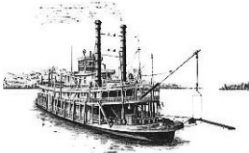
Phillips Development Inc. to Stanley Eugene Bengé and Judy Carol Bengé, 310 Garrison Street, Hanover.

Depot Street LLC to H&T Holdings LLC, 435 Depot Street, Madison.

Sept. 2, 2025

James Hensley and Barbara Hensley to James Hensley, Sharon Hensley and Timmy Sandlin, 20 acres at 15732 West State Road 256, Scottsburg.

Rebecca Jane Helms to Justin R. Robertson and Mikon C. Robertson, 1112 Autumnwood Lane, Madison.



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BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 5

Mark Cheatham

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WEATHER

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Precipitation, 2025: 42.42

Barometer 29.95, Rising **River Level at Clifty Creek:** 421.74 feet, Rising

Forecast: Saturday: Partly cloudy High 73/Low 46; Sunday: Mostly sunny High 74/Low 45; Monday: Sunny High 75/Low 47; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 79/Low 52.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Jean Singer Underwood



Nancy Jean Singer Underwood, age 78, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Feb. 22, 1947, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late James Rodger and Geneva D. Higgins Singer. A life-long resident of Jefferson County, Nancy was a 1964 graduate of Deputy High School. Nancy then attended Hanover College to further her education. Nancy was raised a member of the First Christian Church in downtown Madison. On Jan. 18, 1974, she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Paul Underwood at the First Christian Church in downtown Madison. This happy union of 43 years was blessed with a son, William Robert. She was a devoted wife, mom, sister, and aunt. Nancy began a career with Madison Bank and Trust Company in 1966, working in customer

service as a teller and then advancing to manager of the hilltop branch. She retired after 45 years of service with Main Source Bank. She enjoyed baking, working in flowers, and tending her garden. She was a dedicated volunteer for her community, serving on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, and Fairmount Cemetery. Nancy died on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at 5:05 p.m., at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, IN.

Nancy will be missed by her loving son, William Robert Underwood and his wife Julia of Fargo, North Dakota; her sisters, Johanna Stringfellow of Plymouth, MI, Brenda Spry and her husband Walter of Madison, IN, Vickie Roper and her husband Doug of Paducah, KY; her brothers, Jim Singer and his wife Robin of Madison, IN, Charles Singer and his wife Rhonda of Madison, IN; her sisters-in-law, Patty Spencer and her husband Charles of Madison, IN, Janice Lyon and her husband Gary of Madison, IN; her brother-in-law, Elbert Wilson of Indianapolis, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Rodger Singer, her mother, Geneva D. Higgins Singer, her husband of 43 years, William Paul "Bill" Underwood, died

Sept. 25, 2017, her sister, Stella Anne Wilson, her brother-in-law, Richard Stringfellow.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN. Interment followed in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison.

Friends could call Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, from 9 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Fairmount Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Connie Jean Adams MacRander



Connie Jean Adams MacRander, age 74, of Lexington, IN, entered this life on Sept. 13, 1950, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Robert N. and Martha Elizabeth Wooten Adams. She was a 1968 graduate of Southwestern High School and also had taken some classes at Ivy Tech College. Connie had also completed secretarial courses at the South-eastern Indiana Career Center. She was a member and baptized at the Kent Christian Church in Kent, IN, and is now a member of Riverstone Church in Madison. She was the loving mother of a son, Steven. She was united in marriage to Michael Earl MacRander on April 16, 1987 in Madison. She worked as a production planner at Grote Industries since 1968, and retired in Jan. of 2018. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Connie loved gardening, feeding and watching the birds, and helping others. In death Connie chose to be a tissue donor to help others. Connie died on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at 5:49 p.m., at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY, with her loving husband at her side.

Connie will be missed by her loving husband of 38 years, Michael Earl MacRander of Lexington, IN; her loving son, Steven Wolf and his wife Melissa of Madison; her grandchildren, Brady, Dylan, and Jessie (Brad); her great-grandson, Xander; her step grandchildren, Chris, Lily, and Ithan; her sisters, Sandra Stanley and her husband Jim of Lexington, IN, Janet Degler and her hus-

band Ken of Hanover, IN; her sister-in-law, Peggy Adams of Hanover, IN; her brother-in-law, Gayle MacRander and his wife, Janet of Brooksbury, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert N. Adams, her mother, Martha Elizabeth Wooten Adams, and her brother, Robert A. Adams.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Brynen Chitwood at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Eleanor Rita Kelly Boone

Eleanor Rita Kelly Boone, age 89, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 29, 1936, in Springfield, KY. She was the last of five generations born in the "Old Forest" home on Lincoln Park Road, where her ancestors, John and Margaret Kelly, settled in 1795 after arriving from County Down, Ireland. Rita died on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, at 1:29 a.m., at her home in Madison, IN.

Rita will be missed by her loving sons and daughters-in-law: Joseph K. Boone and his wife Nadja of Madison, IN; Todd Boone and his wife Mary Beth of Madison, IN; Her loving daughters and sons-in-law: Linda Huber and her husband Bob of Cincinnati, OH; Colista Krebs and her husband Blaine of Spokane, Wash; Her grandchildren: James Boone, Clinton Huber, Thomas Boone, Chase Huber, Sam Boone, Ramzy Bejjani, Connor Boone, Raja Bejjani, and Riley Howser; Her great-grandchildren: Lily Boone, Pyper Stone, Mila Huber, Mackenzie Huber, Taylor Huber, Piper Huber, and McKenna Howser; Her sister, Libby Cline of Chattanooga, TN; There are several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Gonzaga Kelly, her mother, Mary Arthur Cecil Kelly, her beloved husband of

nearly 64 years, James Robert "Boonie" Boone (died April 17, 2019), her loving son, Robert "Bob" Kelly Boone, her sisters, Mary Jane Barber and Mary Patricia Barber, and her brothers, John W. Kelly, Francis Rucker Kelly, and Colonel Arthur L. Kelly.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig and Father Rick Nagel at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street in downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Advocacy Center or the Friends of Shawe and Pope John. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Charles Ronald Taylor



Charles Ronald Taylor, age 77 of Madison, IN, affectionately known as "Ron" and "Chas," passed away on Aug. 27, 2025. He had a passion for good food and football, leaving behind a legacy of friendship, hard work, and culinary creativity that touched the lives of many. Born on Feb. 20, 1948, to Adrien B. "Red" Taylor and Mary Pauline Haven Taylor, Ron grew up in Madison alongside his two sisters, Sandy and Kathy, and his brother, Joe. During his fourth-grade year at E.O. Muncie Elementary School, in Mrs. Bennett's class, Ron met Dan Hamilton—who would remain his loyal friend for life. A proud graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, Class of 1966, Ron pursued higher education at North-

east Louisiana State, where he studied pharmacy and distinguished himself as pledge of the year in his fraternity. After returning to his Indiana roots, he worked at IKEC in downtown Madison, before embarking on a new chapter in Ohio. In Ohio, Ron's career flourished in both industry and the culinary world. He worked at Interlake Stamping in Cleveland

before moving to IT contracting in Cincinnati. Yet it was in the kitchens of Rick's Tavern and Grille in Fairfield and the Hamilton Elks #93 that Ron truly found his second home. An inventive chef, he created "Lum Taylor's BBQ Sauce" in honor of his father—a recipe so well-loved it was featured at Jungle Jim's in Cincinnati. Returning to Madison later in life, Ron reunited with his best friend Dan Hamilton to open Smokin' Crowes BBQ in Hanover, in 2014. There, his mastery of barbecue brought friends and neighbors together until the business was sold in 2019. A loyal Cleveland Browns fan, Ron loved gatherings filled with laughter, good company, and savory aromas wafting from the grill. All who

shared a meal with him will remember his generosity, quick wit, and the sense of community he fostered wherever he went.

Charles will be missed by his daughters, Mitzi Bednarczyk and Sandy Bryant; his son, Scott Taylor; his brother, Joe Taylor; his niece, Kimberly Meredith; his lifelong friend, Dan Hamilton and his wife, Joan of Madison, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his father, Adrien B. "Red" Taylor; his mother, Mary Pauline Haven Taylor; his sisters, Sandy and Kathy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MCHS Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund (CFMJC). Cards are available at the funeral home or an online memorial can be placed at www.morgan-nay.com.

Edwin Dale Harmon

Edwin Dale Harmon, of Canaan, fondly known as Eddie Dale, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 1, 2025, near Madison, IN, at the age of 50, due to an automobile accident. Born on May 22, 1975, in Franklin, IN. Eddie died on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, at 4:15 p.m., on Highway 7 near Madison, IN.

Eddie will be missed by his loving wife of 17 years, Bonnie Jean Hodapp Harmon of Madison, IN; his daughter, Katrina Bowman and her husband, Dustin of Columbus, IN; his sons, Jason Smith and his wife,

Melanie of Commiskey, IN, Sean Smith of North Vernon, IN, Dylan Smith of Madison, IN, and Damian Harmon of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Noah, Serenity, Alyas, Leland, Liza, Lyla, Cameron, and his grandchild on the way Lilyanna; his loving mother, Charlotte Harmon of Franklin, IN; his brother, William "Bill" Harmon and his wife, Mary of McCordsville, IN; his grandmothers, Frances Fraley of Franklin, IN, and Ida Bryant of Franklin, IN; his nephews, Jeffrey and

Jonathan Harmon, Cody and Travis Galbraith; his uncles, James Fraley of Shelbyville, IN, Mike Hoffman and his wife, Elizabeth of Edinburgh, IN, Richie Bryant of Noblesville, IN; his aunt, Linda Lingenfelter of Franklin, IN; his mother-in-law, Nikki Owens; his sister-in-law, Rhonda Galbraith; his brothers-in-law, James and Lenny Hodapp.

Eddie Dale was preceded in death by his father, Billy Edwin Harmon; his aunts, Angie Fraley and Trisha Richardson; his uncle,

Ronnie Harmon.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, at 7 p.m., by James Fraley at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may call Sunday, from 5 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eddie Harmon Remembrance Fund to assist with funeral expenses. Cards are available at the funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Randall W. "Randy" Leap Jr., 45, of Batesville, IN,died Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, at his home. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Flora Jean Richmond , 72, Carrollton, KY,died Tuesday,

Sept. 2, 2025, in Carrollton. Memorial service is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Jean Reynolds Whalen, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Worthville Cemetery in Worthville, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Trimble Apple Festival this weekend in Bedford

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County's annual Apple Festival will return to the Courthouse Square in Bedford for its 34th anniversary this weekend with special events Saturday and Sunday celebrating the county's harvest season by bringing neighbors and visitors together for entertainment and food.

But the event also serves as more than celebrating the harvest season and bringing people together. It's an opportunity to raise funds for local schools, civic and community groups and conduct activities that support and promote the Trimble County's children, citizens and community.

A full slate of music and other events will take place Saturday and Sunday as well as food and other vendors, local fundraisers and

community groups seeking to raise awareness to their work and causes. The Apple Cider Relay, Apple Pie Baking Contest and Quilt contest and raffle are three of the bigger events on tap and there is a full lineup of pageants set for Saturday.

The 2025 Miss Apple Festival Pageant — the moment when 2024 Miss Apple Festival Kendra Mahoney will wrap up her reign and crown the next Apple Queen — will be the highlight of seven Apple Festival pageants from 1-2 years old to 20 years and older beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The Pageant theme and dress is fall/harvest. Entry fees for pageant participants must be received by Sept. 6, and no entries will be accepted without payment. An optional pageant meeting is set for 6:45 p.m. on Friday,

Sept. 5, to review pageant details and practice walking on stage.

The pageants and their fees include: Tiny Apple Miss and Mr. (1-2 years) \$10; Toddler Apple Miss and Mr. (3-4 years) \$10; Little Apple Miss and Mr. (5-7 years) \$10; Princess Apple (8-11 years) \$15; Sweetheart Apple (12-14 years) \$20; Miss Apple Festival (15-19 years) \$25; and Ms./Mrs. Apple Festival (20 years and older) \$20.

Entries for the Apple Pie Contest will be accepted from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at New Life Assembly of God Church in Bedford, with judging beginning then to determine the best apple dessert presented. Bragging right and \$100 will be awarded to the first place pie with \$50 going to second place and \$25 to third.

Entries are limited to one pie per

person and must be submitted in a 9-inch disposable aluminum pie plate and not contain any dairy since refrigeration is not available. Pie recipe must accompany each entry and contest participation grants the Apple Festival Committee permission to auction the winning pies at the end of the contest to benefit the Apple Festival.

The Apple Cider Relay will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the area of the festival food court. Teams of four relayers, affiliated with schools, churches, civic groups or organizations, will race through the course to see which team can retain the most liquid during the 3-minute relay.

The Trimble Thimbles will host their annual Quilt Show/Competition in the New Life Assembly of God Church sanctuary from 10 a.m. to

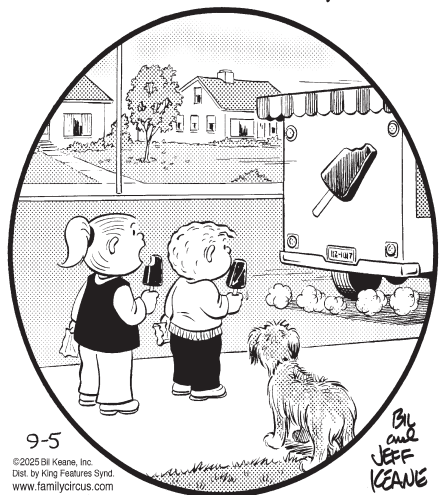
4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Visitors may vote for their favorite quilt in both the adult (age 19 and older) and youth (up to age 18) categories with prizes awarded

Chances for Trimble Thimbles' 2025 quilt raffle will also be sold at the festival information booth with drawing to take place on the festival stage at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Winner does not have to be present.

Traffic is routinely heavy and parking in short supply during the festival, which is based on and around the Trimble County Courthouse Square in Bedford, so come prepared to walk a ways and allow extra time when traveling on U.S. 421 and U.S. 42 through Bedford. Also, no pets are allowed in the festival area with the exception of legitimate service animals.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"In the wintertime I think ice cream men just turn into normal people."

DENNIS THE MENACE

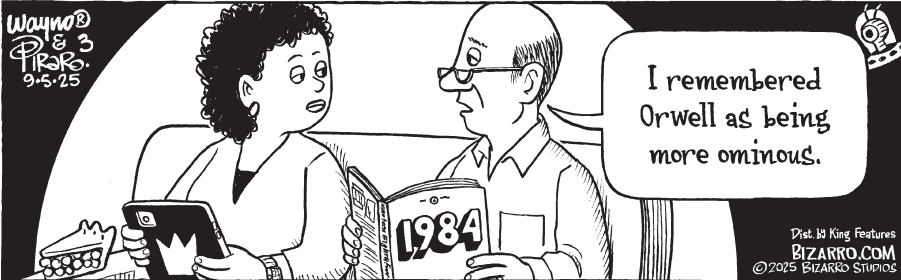


"HE HAS TO VISIT IN ORDER TO CHEER YOU UP BY LEAVING."

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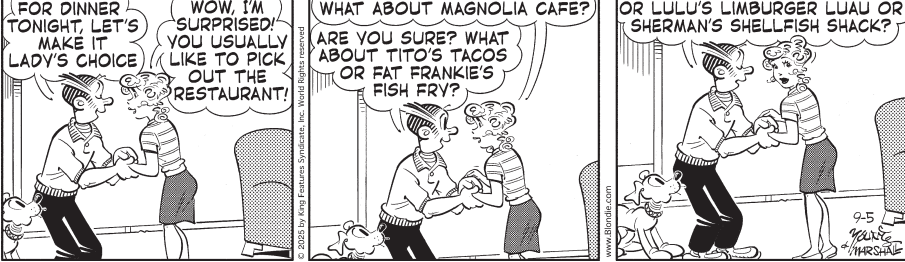
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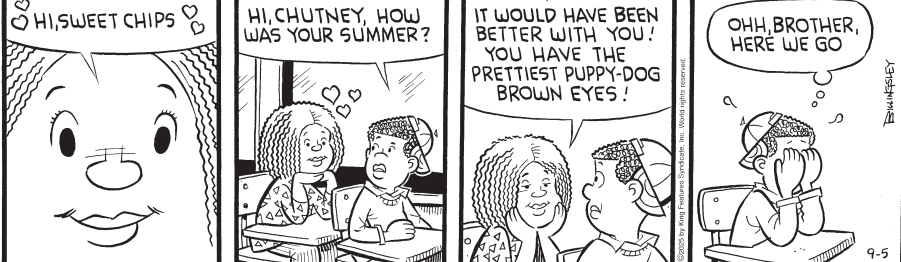
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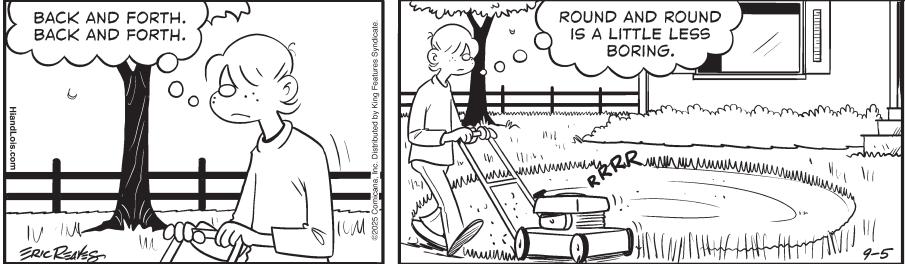
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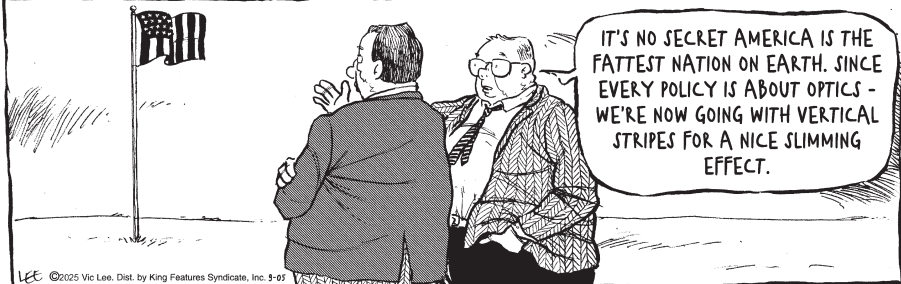
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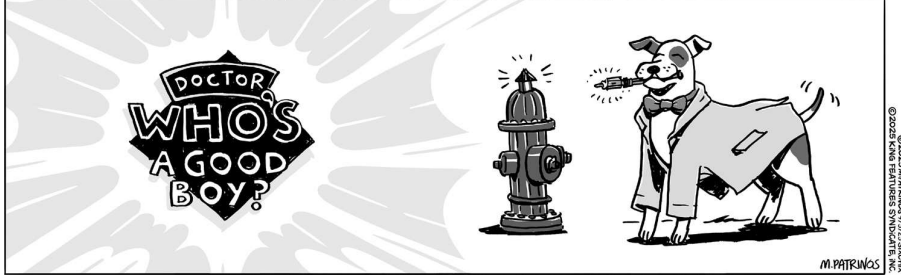
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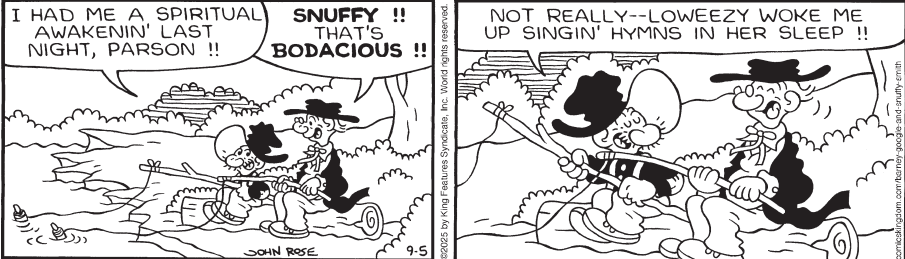
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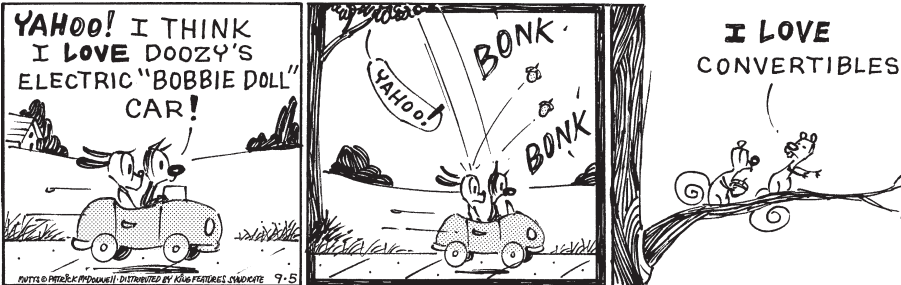
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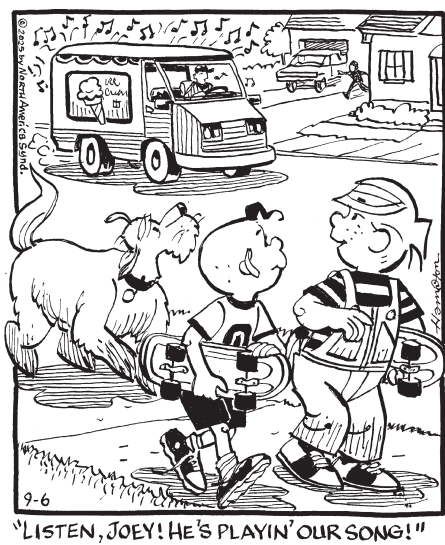
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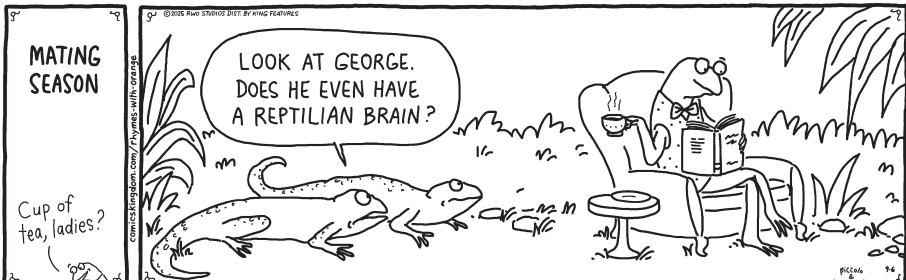
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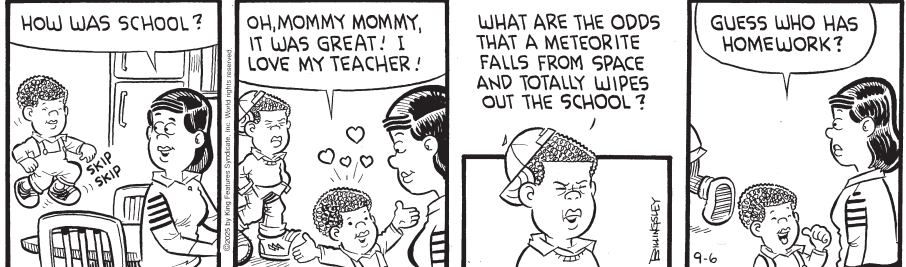
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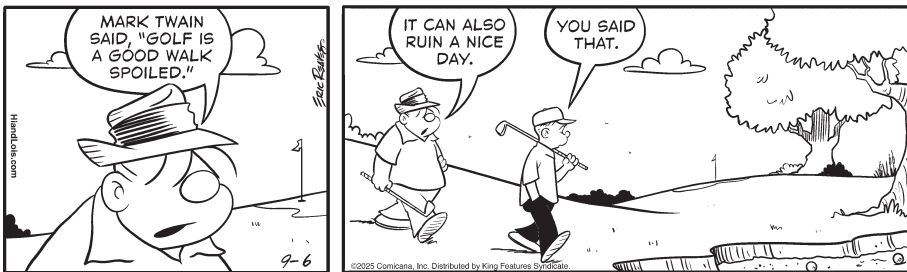
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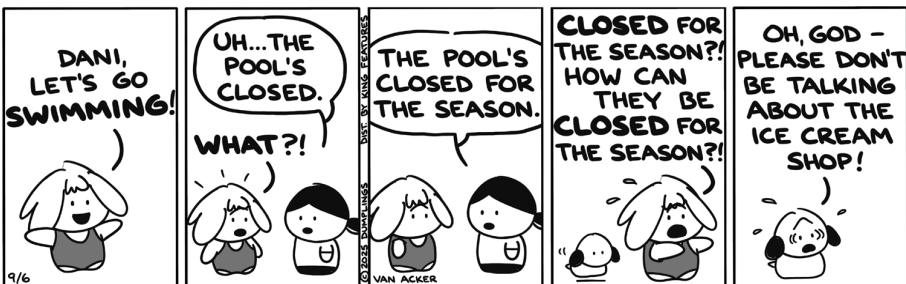
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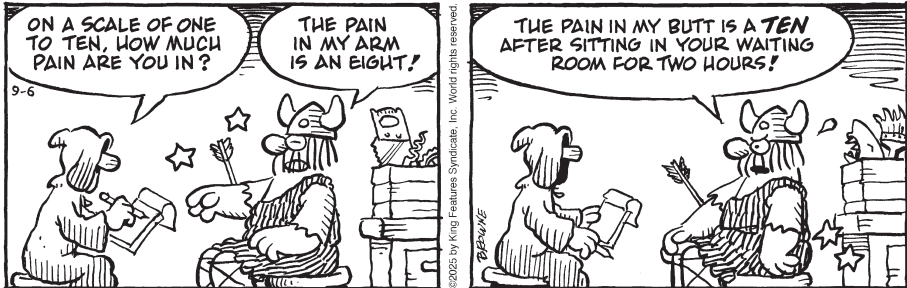
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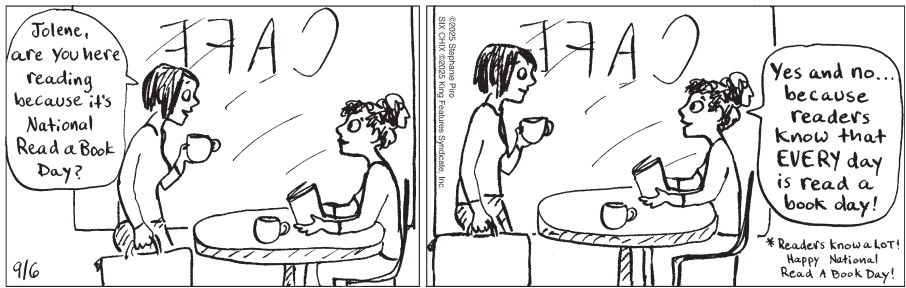
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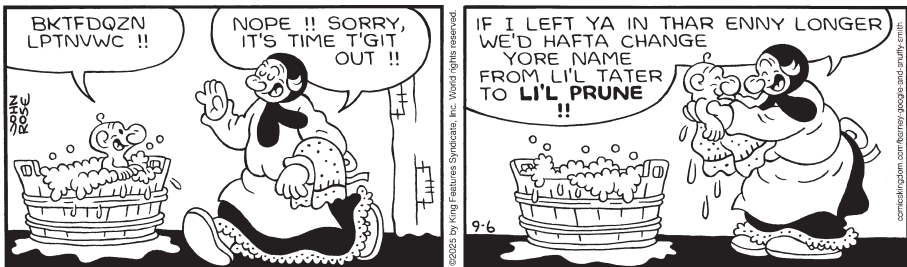
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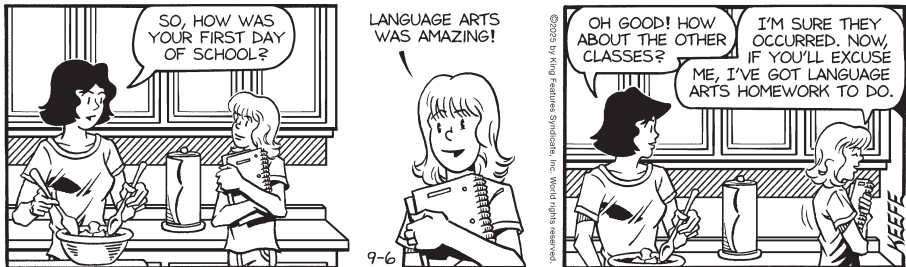
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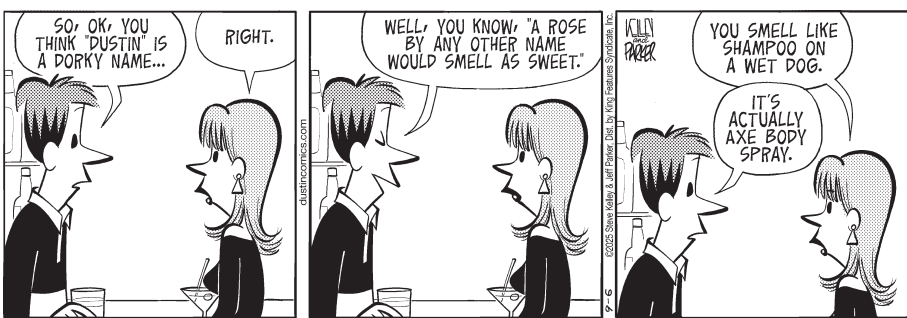
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Hanover OKs restoration of 2 historic houses

BY BOB DEMAREE

Two more historic houses in Hanover are on the road to rehabilitation after Hanover Town Council gave approval at its meeting Tuesday for the utilization of Lilly Endowment Inc. funds through the College and Community Collaboration grant.

“I think it makes good sense to the town and I think everybody will be pleased with the end result,” said Chip Snyder, director of community relations for Hanover College, who is overseeing administration of the Lilly Endowment grant.

Indiana Landmarks will manage the restorations involving houses at 227 East

Main Street and 332 File Street in Hanover.

Snyder said the Main Street house “is one of the oldest houses in the town,” dating back to approximately 1850. He described the File Street house as an “1890 Victorian cottage under all of the aluminum siding” while the File Street was built in 1890.

A total of \$80,000 was approved for the Main Street house — \$70,000 for the purchase and \$10,000 to get work started. A total of \$10,000 was approved to get work started on the File Street house that’s owned by Hanover College that is being donated with approval of College President Lake Lambert “because he knows it will help

the cause,” Snyder said.

The File Street house is adjacent to the Hanover Community Garden, which is receiving \$1.275 million from the \$30 million Lilly grant more commonly called “Jefferson Together.” Some \$3.3 million of the Lilly dollars is dedicated to the historic corridor, which was \$600,000 has been spent so far and includes funds spent towards restoration of the Chain Mill building at 31 North Madison Avenue and the Millican house at 119 North Madison Avenue.

Snyder said he will return to town council in October to ask for more funds for 227 East Main Street and 332 File Street after a budget is determined

for the restoration work.

Plans for 227 East Main Street will include exterior renovation and landscaping, and cleaning up inside enough to market the property to a new owner who can finish the inside. Snyder said there are similar plans for the File Street house.

In July, Greg Sekula, southern regional director at Indiana Landmarks, spoke about the Main Street house during a meeting about a potential National Register of Historic Places designation in the town of Hanover. “One of the exciting things about the house is the barge board” that has remained on the house through the decades. “It’s a rare survivor to have that,” calling the house “one of the jewels”

of Hanover.

Town Council President Debbie Kroger said the house at 227 East Main Street is one that she’s driven past for years, believing it could be a beautiful place if given the right attention. “I always wished someone would fix up the house on Main Street,” but for years “nothing ever happened,” so she is pleased to see plans moving forward.

The File Street home was the residence for many years of Hanover College professor Dr. Jan Smucker who joined the faculty in 1967 and retired at the end of the 2000-01 academic year. Smucker, who was a two-time recipient of Hanover College’s Arthur and Ilene Baynham Award for

Outstanding Teaching (1977, 1990), died Aug. 9, 2022.

Snyder said the File Street house “has the potential to be a “cute little house. It’s not big, it’s not fancy and it’s not meant to be,” yet the house holds historical significance.

With the plan being to sell the houses, the proceeds of the sale will go back into the grant.

Snyder said the Hanover Historic District has passed technical review for a National Register of Historic Places listing. The application was made on July 31, “so I’m pretty happy to get the technical review this quickly.”

A substantive review will follow that could take another 12-15 months or more for a final decision, he said.

Parks Board projects \$60K deficit for Crystal Beach this year

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the summer swim season ending this week at Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, it was announced at Wednesday’s Madison Parks Board meeting that the pool will likely have a \$60,000 deficit this year.

“I have spoken to different parks directors from the past, and the pool has never broken even or made money. It was our goal to break even this year. We fell short and so we need to improve,” said Parks Board President Carla Krebs.

Christian Hanson, superintendent of grounds who was filling in for director of operations Tanya Burnette at the meeting, said the deficit is currently \$56,000 but with the pool still in operation earlier this week, calculations are not yet complete.

“When all is said and done, then the final total will be close to \$60,000, you think?” Krebs asked. Hanson responded, “Yes.”

However, Hanson is optimistic that Crystal Beach can break even. “There are ways to do it and feasible to do,” he said. “There are plans in the future for that to happen. There is no reason we can’t,” particularly with revenue coming from the rental of Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall on the second floor of the poolhouse. So far this year, the parks department has received \$155,000 in revenue from Hunter Hall rentals.

Krebs suggested a higher admission fee to the pool for out-of-town residents as another way of helping Crystal Beach to break even. Krebs suggested that those who drive to the pool from outside of Jefferson County pay more “so it’s a true benefit to live here and have that beautiful pool for us. Just throwing it out there to talk about in the future.”

Madison resident Lisa Ferguson said she met a man from Louisville who drove three times per week to Crystal Beach, and told her, “I can’t believe I get in here for \$7,” so Ferguson thinks some visitors would be willing to pay \$10.

The Parks Board has been more carefully watching costs this year after learning at the end of 2024 parks had incurred a \$575,000 deficit. “We are very sensitive to the spending,” said Krebs. “We were very embarrassed last year and we don’t want it to happen again so it’s very important for us to see overall status for the coming in and the going out to know where we stand.”

At Sunrise Golf Course, Hanson said it’s been a challenging year for maintaining the course but it’s progressing and “starting to take shape. We started the aeration process to try to get things back. It’s been a miserable summer.”

Board member Jake Shockley, who is also Madison’s golf coach, said all area golf courses are struggling. “It’s a testament to Christian, Roger (Gallatin, the Sunrise golf pro) and our team to at least keep it going. It’s a labor of love, and a push and pull between the people at Sunrise who want to see it at its best, and the crew trying to hang on to dear life to keep the course running in general. The fact we have something that’s playable right now and doesn’t appear to be in great danger of not being playable” is a credit to work done by the Sunrise staff. “God willing, if the weather holds for the rest of the fall, we’re very thankful for that, and hopefully continue to move the right direction.”

Gallatin said the condition of the course hasn’t prevented Sunrise from performing better financially. “Even with the burning of the turf, we’re still beating last year’s numbers,” he said. Revenue in August was nearly \$4,000 better than August last year. So far, revenue is up \$14,000 this year over 2024.

Meanwhile, the city’s Riverview Campground has revenue of \$97,000 so far this year. Les Hook, the manager, said the recreational vehicle park will close after the Nov. 7-8 weekend to remain open through the MadHop music festival with nine reservations so far for that weekend. Hook said the campground is sold out for the next five weekends.

BY BOB DEMAREE

A contract with Rumpke for trash and recycling was approved by Hanover Town Council at its meeting Tuesday that falls in line with what the town planned for the next two years.

Last year, the council approved an ordinance that set the rate this year for solid waste and recycling at \$20 per household this year and increasing to \$22.50 on Jan. 1, 2026, and \$25 on Jan. 1, 2027.

Prior to that ordinance, the town had been losing money because what Rumpke was charging the town had been more than Hanover was charging residents. With Rumpke’s new rates, Council member Tim Buxton said the town is on track with what it had set. “We don’t have to raise what we have in place for the next two years,” he noted.

Town Council President Debbie Kroger said, “This is a good contract” with Rumpke.

Rumpke’s rate for the town starting Nov. 1 will be \$14.20 for solid waste and \$3.97 for recycling. Starting Nov. 1, 2026, the rates will be \$14.63 for solid waste and \$4.09 for recycling, and Nov. 1, 2027, rates will increase to \$15.07 for solid waste and \$4.21 for recycling. There are options beginning in Nov. 1, 2028, for \$15.32 for solid waste and \$4.34 for recycling, and Nov. 1, 2029, for \$15.99 for solid waste and \$4.47 for recycling.

The contract provides one 95-gallon trash cart free to each household with additional carts available at \$3.50 each.

In other action:

- Hanover Police Sgt. Kyle Pence said traffic issues for pickup of students at Southwestern schools seem to have improved after recent changes enacted by Southwestern Superintendent Jill Mires and Assistant Superintendent Jason Watson.

going up,” Courtney added. “We’ve talked about that before. Your property taxes are going down a little bit, but it’s going to be offset by more fees, more local income taxes. That’s the position we’ve been put in. There really is not a whole lot of wiggle room to adapt, adjust and continue to provide critical essential services in a difficult time. We’ll figure it out but that’s the calculus for 2027.”

“You’re going to hear the exact same thing when you speak to the County Council, the County Commissioners or the library or the school system or the township government,” the mayor added. “We’ll be leaning into it, but for 2026 we had to make up quite a bit of a gap — about 4-5% of our budget — that we were discussing in our workshops. But we will figure it out and we will continue to provide essential services and continue to invest in our community. That’s the parallel tracks we’re straddling to keep Madison moving forward.”

Hanover renews Rumpke trash, recycling contract

Pence said, “Main Cross is backed up at points but not for an extended period.”

Council Vice President Treva Shelton commended Southwestern administrators for their work in finding a solution to ease the traffic problems.

- The town council asked Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Scott Williams to recommend three priorities for addressing stormwater in the town. Earlier this year, the town established fees for stormwater with a \$5 per household monthly fee and \$1 per Equivalent Resident Unit (ERU) per business. So far, the town has collected \$11,000 in the fund, but the town must first pay BakerTilly \$15,000 for its rate study before funds can begin to be used for stormwater improvement projects.
- Clerk-treasurer Coby Cloud said a four-year audit was completed last week. “Everything went well,” he

said. While the audit is required by the state, the town must pay for it — \$7,900 coming from property taxes, \$7,000 for sewer and \$6,000 from the water utility. The audit extended back to time that Keith Mefford served as clerk-treasurer. Kroger noted that “both clerk-treasurers did a good job.”

- An interlocal agreement is still in the works with Jefferson County that will allow County Building Inspector Josh Cline to also be utilized by the town of Hanover. Shelton said she expects that agreement to soon be finalized.
- Dan Koch, a resident of Jackson Lane, expressed concern that a neighbor now has three chickens, two ducks and a rooster. He said the rooster wakes him every morning at 5:30 a.m. or 6 a.m. “I am retired and I like sleep in, but can’t sleep in, and I can’t open my windows either.” He asked about the town’s nuisance ordinance

that states violation for “habitual barking and loud or continuous noise that cause serious annoyance.”

- Cloud said the new tennis courts at Hanover Community Park are already showing cracks. They were installed by Tennis Technology Inc. at a cost of \$216,114, and a company representative will be meeting soon with Cloud to review the issues.
- At the Parks Board meeting, Parks Director Scott Davidson said the midsummer baseball league began play last week and will end Sept. 12 with 194 youth participating, an increase from 180 last year. He said youth from Jefferson and Switzerland counties in Indiana, and Trimble County in Kentucky are participating. Youth volleyball has 69 players registered so far for grades 3-6. Party in the Park will be Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hanover Community Park.

The Paycheck That Doesn’t Retire: Turning Your Savings into Lifetime Income



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

One of the biggest concerns people face as they approach retirement is the fear of running out of money. After years or even decades of collecting a regular paycheck, the idea of losing that dependable income stream can be unsettling. That’s where the concept of “The Paycheck That Doesn’t Retire” becomes so powerful. It’s about turning the money you’ve saved – your 401(k), IRA, or other retirement assets – into a steady, reliable stream of income that continues for the rest of your life.

For many retirees, the traditional approach to generating income involves drawing down investment accounts, hoping the returns keep pace with withdrawals. But this strategy carries

significant risk. Market fluctuations, unexpected expenses, and longevity all add layers of uncertainty. If the market performs poorly early in retirement while you’re withdrawing funds, you could deplete your assets much faster than anticipated. This is known as sequence-of-returns risk, and it can turn a well-funded retirement plan into a precarious one.

That’s why creating a guaranteed lifetime income stream – much like a personal pension – can be a game-changer. One of the most effective tools to accomplish this is an annuity, specifically a fixed or fixed indexed annuity with a lifetime income rider. These products allow you to convert a portion of your savings into a predictable monthly income that you can never outlive, regardless of how long you live or what the market does.

Imagine the comfort of knowing that, month after month, your essential expenses – housing, food, healthcare – are covered. That financial stability provides more than just cash flow; it provides peace of mind. It also frees up the rest of your assets for growth, travel, legacy planning, or unexpected needs, all while protecting your lifestyle from the unknowns of the future.

Creating a paycheck that doesn’t retire also supports a mindset

shift. Instead of focusing solely on asset accumulation, retirees can begin thinking in terms of income. After all, it’s not how much money you have – it’s how much consistent income you can draw from it that determines the quality of your retirement.

When structured correctly, annuities can help solve the longevity puzzle by providing income you cannot outlive. They offer a private solution to the public problem of disappearing pensions. In essence, they replace uncertainty with predictability and transform your retirement savings into a financial foundation you can count on – year after year, for the rest of your life.

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other appropriations of miscellaneous revenue ...” he said. “On a General Fund to General Fund comparison of 2025 to 2026, it’s about a 1.12% reduction ... 1.12% doesn’t sound like a lot but when you figure out that you have to address essentially non-discretionary expenses that in some instances have gone up 50% — such as our insurance and utilities and other costs that we have to absorb — those have to be offset by discretionary items and discretionary items come down to mostly staffing and benefits or deferring funding of different investments or programs that the city would normally have in a typical year.”

Courtney said while the city’s budget staff is getting a handle on 2026, the issue will also carry over to 2027 and beyond and more changes will have to be made both in belt-tightening and

identifying new sources of revenue such as adopting a local income tax if municipal services are to remain at the level Madisonians have come to expect. He said Madison is not alone in dealing with that issue because all branches of government are scrambling.

“2026 is going to be a challenging year. We’re digesting a lot of these legislative changes and in 2027 we will be right back at it again where every community, city, town, county — we all have to adopt our own municipal local income tax,” Courtney said. “That will be where a lot of this analysis comes back into the equation as more of Senate Bill 1 gets integrated through a multi-year period in 2027...”

“Write this down so nobody gets confused, it’s going to be a very challenging year for us to make decisions that preserve our budgets, preserve our central services and properly funds your local government. Your taxes are going up. Your taxes are

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Milton Fire & Rescue promotes McQueary to captain rank

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Milton Fire & Rescue has announced the promotion of Emily McQueary to the rank of Captain — making her the first female officer in the history of the department.

A veteran firefighter who has served with the department since 2004 when she was a Junior firefighter at the age of 16, McQueary officially became a firefighter at age 18 and later went on to serve as president and secretary-treasurer of the department.

Throughout her career, she has earned numerous awards, completed various certifications, and also became a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In her new role with the department, McQueary will serve as Milton Fire & Rescue's Safety Captain, overseeing important initiatives to ensure firefighter safety and operational readiness.

According to a statement issued by Milton Fire & Rescue Chief Jason Long, McQueary's promotion is



Handout

Milton Fire & Rescue Captain Emily McQueary — the first female officer in Milton Fire & Rescue's history.

especially significant since it makes her the department's first female officer. He noted her dedication, leadership, and commitment to the community

serves as an inspiration to current and future members of the department.

McQueary is married to fellow firefighter Justin

McQueary, who is a major with the department, and they have two sons. She works at Christian Academy of Madison.

Balloon Glow returns to Madison Sunday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

For the third consecutive year, a Balloon Glow is scheduled for the Madison riverfront on the grounds of the Riverboat Inn along the Ohio River at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The event, which will provide colorful views to both sides of the Ohio River, involves inflating hot air balloons that are tethered to the ground with the propane burners igniting periodically to keep the balloons afloat and provide a spectacular display of lights and colors for spectators from the glow.

The event, originally scheduled in conjunction with the 2025 Madison Regatta, was postponed to Sunday due to weather. Regatta Festival Chair Kim Washer expects about 10 balloons for the event, weather permitting.

Tethered rides will be available from 6-9 p.m. at a cost of \$15 per person. Rides are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The tether rides will simulate a balloon ride but the balloon is secured to ground support. Glow balloons will start inflating around dusk with the balloon glow taking place from approximately 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Madison's Vaughn Drive will be closed to traffic from the Milton-Madison Bridge to the Riverboat Inn entrance. There will be people and signs to direct visitors to parking areas that will be available in the grass bottom below Vaughn Drive. Food trucks will be available on the lawn.

The Madison Regatta will sell race-only wrist bands for the 2026 Indiana Governor's Cup July 3-5, 2026, during the event.

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and other programming that happens fairly regularly. "We have been upgrading and renovating the theater in stages," explains Elizabeth. "When we get enough funding to tackle another phase, we shut things down and do the work, then open back up and let the community resume using and enjoying the space.

"We did a long shut down a couple years ago when we gutted the interior, took out the seats, and returned the balcony back to its original configuration. Our most recent shutdown allowed us to do a number of additional exciting repairs and upgrades. We will re-open on Sept. 20 for another fun wrestling event, and everyone can come and see the progress.

"The two big things we accomplished this time was enlarging the stage and leveling a section of the floor. We poured a tremendous amount of concrete to raise the floor about 9 inches, and create several hundred square feet of new flat floor at the front of the auditorium. The room is now much better suited as a dance floor, cafe style seating with tables, or lots of other uses.

"The other thing peo-

ple are going to be very excited about is our theater chairs are nearing completion and will be re-installed soon. We plan to have 200 to 300 chairs in by the new year, and ultimately about 600 once we finish the balcony.

"We also have plans to build out first floor level bathrooms, through our acquisition of the property next door to the west of the theater. That extra building is going to give us a lot of flexibility to do a lot of cool things in the future.

"All these planned renovations, and the speed at which we can accomplish them, come down to funding, of course. We are constantly in money-raising mode, and we've had great support from the community and the city all along the way. I really feel good about where we are now financially, we're on very stable ground. But make no mistake, these types of theater renovations are multi-million dollar projects, so it takes time and continuous effort to keep things moving forward.

"But with the completion of the floor and stage renovations this time, we're ready to re-open on Sept. 20 and just enjoy the theater for a while before the next big phase. You'll see we have something going on pretty much every weekend for the rest of the year, with Halloween and

Christmas film series, a comedy show, wrestling, some music shows and lots more.

"I encourage everyone to visit the theater in the coming months and see the progress. We'll have a sample section of the restored seating on display in the lobby, and there will be opportunities to sponsor seats and get your name on a plaque on the back of the chairs. The Ohio is Madison's crown jewel, and we want everyone to show their support and become a part of the success."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

The big music news for this weekend is the huge music festival happening down on the river on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Based on the sheer national stature and quality of the talent booked for this event, Unbroken Circle Music Festival stands to be the largest music festival ever staged in Madison. The weather is looking great and the advertising has been relentless. In the immortal words from the movie "Field of Dreams," "If you build it, they will come!"

But if the festival thing is not your scene but you still want to catch some great live music, the opportunities abound in Indiana's Music City, as always. You can pretty much always count on

something going most nights of the week at 1st Street Saloon, Rivertown Grill, Mad Paddle and TIKI Live. These venue owners are carrying the torch that keeps Madison hoppin', and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Or better yet, just get out and attend their shows, that's all the "thank you" they need!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 5
Mad Paddle – Karaoke

JD Chappell (9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.)
Vintage Lanes — Jazz Trio (7-9 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Brackish Water Beavers (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tailgators — Karaoke with DJ Scratchy (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
American Legion Post 9— Hanks Last Ride (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Unbroken Circle Fest – Marcus King, Blackberry Smoke & More
TIKI LIVE! — L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Saturday, Sept. 6
Mad Paddle – Ron Pos-ton on the Patio (7 p.m.)
Mad Paddle – Keegan Hatton, followed by JD Chappell Band (8 p.m.)
1st Street Saloon — DJ

Nate
Rivertown Grill — Cow-boy Rockers (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tailgators — Karaoke with DJ Scratchy (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Madison Farmers Mar-ket — Jonah & Noah (10 a.m.-Noon)
Central — Smokin' Jok-ers (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Unbroken Circle Fest – Turnpike Troubadours, Charles W. Godwin & More
TIKI LIVE! — Darin Wood (5-8 p.m.)
TIKI LIVE! — L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Sunday, Sept. 7
Rivertown Grill — Andy Palmer (8-11 p.m.)
TIKI LIVE! — Dwight Hendrix (4-8 p.m.)



Charlie Rohlfing

Elizabeth Auxier, of the nonprofit Friends of the Ohio Theatre, Madison's iconic downtown movie house and now entertainment venue on Main Street.



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RUN THE FALLS
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Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 • 8 a.m.
Clifty Falls State Park
Madison, IN 47250

Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome. Register by Sept. 15 to receive a long-sleeved event shirt.

Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female finishers, along with awards for runners and walkers by age group. Registration and pre- and post-race activities will be located at the Clifty Falls State Park pool.

Proceeds benefit the new EMS Transport Hub at Norton King's Daughters' Health.



To register, scan the QR code or go to RunSignUp.com/Race/IN/Madison/RunTheFalls.



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SOCCER ROUNDUP

Switzerland girls knock off Shawe 5-0

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County girls soccer traveled to Madison and came away with a 5-0 win at Shawe Memorial on Wednesday.

The Pacers, ranked 13th in the Class A coaches poll, scored nine minutes into the game for what proved to be the winner in the shutout. Switzerland then added goals in the 12th, 47th, 56th and 60th minutes to pull away for the win.

"Our defense was solid throughout, securing our second-straight shutout and another clean sheet by keeper Lyndsay Snider," Switzerland coach David Todd said.

Emma Parsons and Emma South each scored two goals for the Pacers and Lauren Smith added one. Adalyn Archer had two assists and Taylor Kappes, Parsons and South had one each.

On Tuesday, Shawe defeated Jennings County 3-0 in a game shortened by lightning.

Justice Kuntz crossed to Maria Ameca-Mendoza for a goal 24 minutes in to give the Hilltoppers an early lead that held up for the win. Kuntz then scored off a cross by Kinsley Pollitt in the 38th minute for a 2-0 lead.

Ameca-Mendoza then put a long shot over the goalie's head in the 50th minute to give Shawe a 3-0 lead. Lightning was then observed and the game was eventually called.

Shawe, now 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the Ohio River Valley Conference,



David Campbell

Shawe's Justice Kuntz tracks down the ball during Tuesday's game with Jennings County. Kuntz scored a goal and had an assist in the 3-0 Hilltopper win.

hosts Milan on Monday.

Switzerland, now 3-1 overall and 2-0 ORVC, hosted Class 2A No. 19 Batesville on Thursday and travels to New Albany on Saturday before

heading to Rising Sun on Monday.

SHAWE SHUTS OUT JCD

Class A No. 13 Shawe boys soccer rolled to a 9-0 win over Jac-Cen-



David Campbell

Shawe's Maria Ameca-Mendoza (19) and Jennings County goalie Annabelle Littiken each go for the ball during Shawe's 3-0 win on Tuesday.

Del in an ORVC match played Tuesday. Gus Grote and Leo Garcia each

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VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP



David Campbell

Madison's Lilly Canada blocks Silver Creek's Brooklyn Renn (11) during Tuesday's volleyball match at Salm Gym. Madison (8-3) lost 3-0 to the Dragons (9-1) halt a six-game win streak.

Madison falls to Silver Creek in three sets

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison volleyball had its six-match win streak snapped in a three-set loss to Silver Creek on Tuesday at Salm Gym.

The Cubs battled but couldn't overcome the powerful Dragons, falling 25-19, 25-18, 25-20.

Lilly Canada had 11 kills and eight digs for the Cubs, Maylie Skinner had eight kills, Ava Canida had three aces and six digs, Hannah Combs had three aces, Marley Stivers had 15 digs and Audrey Miller had 14 assists.

Madison, now 8-3 on the season, traveled to Greensburg on Thursday and hosts South Ripley on Monday.

REBELS FALL TO CHARLESTOWN

Southwestern volleyball dropped a 3-1 loss at home to Charlestown on Tuesday.

The Rebels lost the first two sets before rallying for a win in the third before Southwestern

ultimately fell 25-23, 25-17, 23-25, 25-14.

Jenna Owens had 11 kills and 10 digs for the Rebels, Rorie Scroggins had 10 kills, Jocelyn Johnson had 16 digs, Hillarie Buchanan had 21 assists, 16 digs and four aces, Hadlie Buchanan had 13 digs, Aspen Abbott had six kills and Kaylee Hite had 10 digs.

Southwestern, now 5-3 on the season, hosted Austin on Thursday and travels to Rising Sun on Friday. The Rebels then travel to Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday, Sept. 11.

CARROLL LOSES TO GALLATIN

Carroll County volleyball lost in four sets to 31st District border rival Gallatin County on Tuesday in Warsaw.

The Panthers won the first set 25-20 then lost the next three 25-18, 25-18, 25-13 for the 3-1 decision.

Carroll, now 3-7 overall and 0-3 31st District, hosts Henry County next Tuesday.



David Campbell

Madison's Audrey Miller sets the ball backward during the Cubs' volleyball match at home on Tuesday. The Cubs were 3-0 losers to Silver Creek to halt a six game win streak.

Miss Madison Racing team commits to racing next year

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Miss Madison Racing has agreed to lease the former Miss Budweiser T-3 from owner Dave Bartush for a second consecutive year to compete in the 2026 H1 Unlimited hydroplane series.

The team confirmed on Tuesday that it will compete at East Coast events, with the hometown Madison Regatta remaining a cornerstone of the season. Additional race appearances will be announced as scheduling and budgeting allow.

"It's truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity, and we cannot thank Dave enough for his

support," said Kyle Bipes, Miss Madison Team Manager. "Because of this, we can keep the dream of Miss Madison Racing alive and continue building toward the future."

Community support is a component of Miss Madison Racing. The team also recently received a \$25,000 pledge from John Goodman and Good-

man Real Estate. "Without the people and organizations who step up for us — people like Dave Bartush, John Goodman, and countless others — Miss

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Brandon Kennedy

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

FOOTBALL

Madison at Charlestown, 7

p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts

Clarksville, 7 p.m.

Carroll Co. at Grant Co.,

7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. hosts Iroquois,

7:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Southwestern girls at Ris-

ing Sun, 5:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys host

Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison boys host Brown-

stown, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover vs. Allegheny

(Pa.), Capital (Ohio), Capital

Invite, 5 p.m./7 p.m.

Shawe girls at

Crothersville, 7 p.m.

Southwestern girls at Ris-

ing Sun, 7 p.m.

GOLF

Southwestern, Switzer-

land Co. girls, ORVC Champi-

onships at Butler Falls GC, 8

a.m.

Madison girls, Batesville

Invite, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Hanover at Centre (Ky.), 7

p.m.

SOCCER

Madison boys at

Clarksville, 10 a.m.

Carroll Co. boys at Walton-

Verona, 11 a.m.

Switzerland Co. boys host

Providence, 11:45 a.m.

Hanover women at Spald-

ing (Ky.), 1 p.m.

Hanover men vs. Mount

Union (Ohio) at Transylvania

(Ky.), 3:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls at

New Albany, 5:45 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison boys host Trinity

Lutheran, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Trimble Co. girls vs. Owen

Co., All "A" Classic 8th Region

Tourney at Eminence, 11:30

a.m.

Hanover vs. Stevenson

(Pa.), Centre (Ky.), Capital

(Ohio) Invite, noon, 2 p.m.

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Trimble volleyball comeback falls short at Henry

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County rallied for a 25-22 win in set three but rather than closing out a 31st District road win at Henry County on Tuesday, it only delayed what was an inevitable loss to the Ladycats.

The Raiders had already dropped the first two sets 25-16 and 25-11 and that hole proved too deep to climb out of in the end. Trimble carried the set three momentum over into the fourth set to once again play the Cats close only to see Henry gut out a 27-25 victory to finish out the match.

Errors and poor served reception were the Raiders’ downfall in the first two sets and the same could be said of the Ladycats when Trimble battled back in the third game.

After Henry jumped out to a 4-1 lead, errors added up for the Lady Cats and allowed the Raiders to knot the game 6-6. Trimble later responded with a 6-0 run — led by strong jump topspin serves by freshman Emery Pierce — to shift the momentum. By the time Kendra Mahoney, a junior, stuffed an outside attack by Henry for a middle kill, Trimble led 13-8.

Henry called a timeout to regroup and cut the lead to three but the LadyCats made enough errors along the way to allow Trimble County to remain in control when combined with Pierce’s serving and front row attacks.

Trimble was holding a 19-15 lead after a Pierce kill off the block and a Chloe Ginn service ace when Henry tried to whittle into that margin.



Abby Hooven

Trimble County’s Emery Pierce goes low to dig a shot during the Raiders’ 3-1 volleyball loss at Henry County on Tuesday. The freshman had a team-high 11 kills, four aces, five assists and five digs for the Raiders.

However, another kill by Pierce brought up a first set point before Mahoney closed out the set win with a kill in the middle to cut Henry’s match lead to 2-1.

Henry regained its intensity to start the fourth set but Trimble continued to fight so the lead changed hands

a few times. Pierce broke a 4-4 tie with an outside kill, and later leaped high to stuff a tight pass and extend the Raider margin to 7-4.

The hosts clawed back to retake the lead with a 4-0 run and the set was tied at 12-12 with errors by both teams keeping the score within a

point until Henry finally found some breathing room late. But Trimble wasn’t done, and three errors in four plays let the Raiders cut the margin to 18-17 before two Trimble miscues put Henry on top 22-19.

The action was tied at 23-23 and 25-25 to push the teams



Trimble senior Chloe Ginn receives serve in the Raiders’ 3-1 district setback on Tuesday at Henry County. The Raiders are now 3-3 overall and 1-1 31st District and headed to the All “A” Classic regional Saturday at Eminence.

into extra points when Trimble County was called out of rotation on the following play to give the point to Henry and bring up a final match point before Riley Denny served an ace to close out the game 27-25 and the match 3-1.

Denny ended the night with five aces and 10 kills overall. Karma Price led Henry (3-1 overall, 2-1 31st District) with 17 kills, Hannah Pate had 21 assists and five aces, and Abigail Adams anchored the Ladycat defense with 15 digs.

Pierce had a team-high 11 kills, four aces, five assists and five digs for the Raiders.

Mahoney hit double figures with 10 kills, Emma Heaton dished out 12 assists, Chloe Ginn led Trimble with 11 digs and Anna Brierly had 10 digs.

Trimble was back in action Wednesday and lost 2-0 at Grant County. No details were available on that match. The Raiders (3-3 overall, 1-1 31st District) were back in action Wednesday at Eminence and scheduled to play Owen County in the All “A” Class Eighth Region Tournament on Saturday at Eminence in a field that also include the host Warriors as well as Cornerstone Christian, Williamstown and Walton-Verona.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

• Shawe’s Cavaan Hambrick, Southwestern’s Connor Johnson and Switzerland County’s Alexis Mangold were all honored this week by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Hambrick was named runner of the week in boys cross country with a time of 18:19 at Switzerland County.

Johnson scored 11 goals and had five assists in three games to earn boys soccer player of the week.

Mangold shot rounds of 43 and 45 to claim girls golfer of the week.

• Carroll County’s Jakobi Chapman-Meadows has been named the North Central Kentucky Conference

football player of the week.

In Carroll County’s 41-6 victory over Trimble County, Chapman-Meadows rushed six times for 73 yards and a touchdown and defensively, he anchored the unit with 14 tackles and a fumble recovery.

• Southwestern’s junior varsity tennis team picked up a pair of wins over Jennings County on Tuesday.

Kingston Elliott and Shane Hardy won 8-3 and Kobe Rogers and Ryan Hall won 8-7 in doubles.

• Shawe Junior High girls soccer lost 8-1 to Switzerland County on Tuesday.

Shawe’s lone goal was scored by

Ruby Bear. Jozyln Wagner played a great second half in goal recording six saves.

• Norton King’s Daughters’ Health will host its 27th annual Run the Falls 5K on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Clifty Falls State Park.

The event is supported by Norton Sports Health, with proceeds benefiting the new Emergency Medical Services Transportation Hub at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health’s main campus, 1373 East State Road 62, Madison.

The 3.1-mile road course is open to walkers and runners of all ages and the event begins promptly at 8

a.m. Onsite registration and packet pick-up is on Sept. 27 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Clifty Falls State Park pool.

Cost for the 2025 Run the Falls 5K is \$30 and includes a long-sleeve tech shirt if registration is completed by Sept. 15. After the early-bird deadline ends on Sept. 15, the \$30 fee no longer includes an event shirt. To register, visit runsignup.com/race/IN/Madison/RuntheFalls

Awards are presented to the top overall male and female finishers. Additional walking and running awards are presented to the top finishers in each age category. Elec-

tronic trip timing is provided by Sturart Road Racing.

To learn more, contact Heather Foy at 812-801-0175 or heather.foy@nortonhealthcare.org.

• Trimble County softball will hold open field workouts for any athlete grades sixth through 12th not currently involved in fall sports beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, and then meeting on Thursday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. To participate you must have a current sports physical on file and those attending the workouts should come with proper gear including a glove and face mask.

Shawe cross country runs at Crothersville

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe’s cross country teams competed in the Tiger Invitational at Crothersville on Tuesday with Cavaan Hambrick led the Hilltoppers with a runner-up finish in the boys race.

Although Shawe did not field an complete team, Cohenn Hambrick ran 10th and Luke Gardner placed 18th in the boys race.

Margaret Stanley finished 12th for Shawe in the girls race and Esperanza Garcia ran 19th.

Both teams will run this Saturday in the Rick Weinheimer Invitational hosted by Columbus North where 15 of the top 20 teams in the state will be participating.



Submitted

Shawe’s cross country teams competed in the Crothersville Invitational on Tuesday. Taking home medals for the Hilltoppers were (from left): Esperanza Garcia and Margaret Stanley in the girls race and Cavaan Hambrick and Cohenn Hambrick in the boys race.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT TUESDAY, SEPT. 2
Girls Coach Pitch Blood Red Tigers 7, Party Animals 6 — Tigers: Ellie Barnes scored 2 runs. Animals: Madi Geyman scored 2 runs.
Girls Machine Pitch Purple Thunder 16, She-Hulks 12 — Thunder: Adyson Goldman and Addie Hicks scored 4 runs. She-Hulks: Kate Liter scored 4 runs.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3 AT HANOVER PARK Instructional
The Royals 18, Reds 9 — Royals: Natalie Mahoney and Will Wright scored 3 runs. Reds: Joseph Brawner, Weston Pickel and Silas Melton scored 2 runs.
The Royals 12, Blue Bananas 8 — Royals: Yaryna Solchanyk scored 3 runs.
Boys Coach Pitch Green Machine 12,

Cyclones 10 — Green Machine: Anakin Hogston, Quincy Harvey and Porter Sauley scored 2 runs. Cyclones: Asher Abbott, Grayson Ulery and Honor Myers scored 2 runs.

Pirates 13, Cyclones 5 — Pirates: Lake Floyd and Carter Carraco scored 3 runs. Cyclones: Asher Abbott scored 2 runs.

Boys Machine Pitch Cubs 18, Royals 11 — Cubs: Rylan Sullivan and Remi Bowles scored 4 runs. Royals: Graham Mouser, Luke Jenkins, Noah Castro and Beckham Jones scored 2 runs.

Reds 17, Cubs 16 — Reds: Casen Barnes, Brycen Davidson and Colton Barnes scored 3 runs. Cubs: Rylan Sullivan scored 4 runs.

Boys Kid Pitch Land Sharks 5, Pirates 4 — Land Sharks: Parker Nicholson and Weston Wehner scored 2 runs.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Southwestern wins close match over Jennings

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern ground out a close 3-2 win at home to Jennings County in boys tennis on Tuesday.

Two of the Rebels' wins — the easiest of the lot — came in singles where Talon Wynn won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 and Quinton Lewis won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3. However, the win by Max Joseph and Luke Morrow was much closer before they prevailed 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles.

Braxton Lewis suffered a 6-0, 6-3 loss at No. 1 singles

and Brady Cook and Colton Deputy fell 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles.

Southwestern hosted Milan on Thursday and hosts Brownstown on Monday.

CUBS FALL TO SALEM

Madison boys tennis dropped a 5-0 decision at home to Salem on Tuesday.

In singles, Carson Cammack lost 6-0, 6-0, Noah Meacham lost 6-2, 7-5 and Colin Zheng lost 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Brock Brandon and Ayden Liter lost 6-3, 6-1 and Ivan Tome and Elliott Kozenski lost 6-3, 6-

1.
On Saturday, Madison defeated North Harrison 3-2. Cammack picked up a 6-1, 63 win at No. 1 singles, Liter and Brandon won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles and Tome and Meacham won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles. Zheng lost 6-1, 7-5 at No. 2 singles and Kozenski fell 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at No. 3 singles.
Madison traveled to South Dearborn on Thursday and hosts Brownstown on Friday. The Cubs then host Trinity Lutheran on Saturday and head to Jennings County next Tuesday.

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Switzerland Co. girls host Clarksville, noon

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 GOLF
Hanover women, Transylvania Invite., 9 a.m.

SOCCER
Hanover men vs. Marietta (Ohio) at Transylvania (Ky.), 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8 SOCCER
Shawe girls host Milan, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Henry Co., 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Shawe, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Henry Co., 8 p.m.

GOLF
Hanover women, Transylvania Invite, 9 a.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern boys host Brownstown, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison girls host South Ripley, 6:30 p.m.
Shawe girls at Jac-Cen-Del, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Western Hills, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 CROSS COUNTRY
Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., Scottsburg Invite. at Hanover College, 5 p.m.

SOCCER

Shawe boys host Milan, 5 p.m.
Madison girls host Southwestern, 6 p.m.
Shawe girls host Milan, 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison boys at Jennings Co., 5 p.m.
Southwestern host South Dearborn, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Henry Co., 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Jac-Cen-Del, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

Bengals look to snap 3-game losing streak in openers as they face Browns

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati (9-8) at Cleveland (3-14)
Sunday, 1 p.m., FOX
BetMGM NFL Odds: Bengals by 5 1/2
Series record: Bengals lead 55-48.
Last meeting: Bengals beat the Browns 24-6 in Cincinnati on Dec. 22, 2024.
Bengals offense in 2024: overall (9), rush (30), pass (1), scoring (6).
Bengals defense in 2024: overall (25), rush (19), pass (21), scoring (125).
Browns offense in 2024: overall (28), rush (29), pass (22), scoring (32).
Browns defense in 2024: overall (19), rush (21), pass (12), scoring (27).
Turnover differential in 2024: Bengals plus-3; Browns minus-22.

BENGALS PLAYER TO WATCH

QB Joe Burrow. He goes into his sixth season after leading the league in completions (460), passing yards (4,918) and TD passes (43) last season. Burrow lost four of his first five starts against the Browns, but won both



Matt Slocum/AP photo

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow passes during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Aug. 7 in Philadelphia.

meetings last season with five touchdowns and no interceptions. However, Burrow has a 1-4 mark in Week 1, including losses in the past three and no touchdown passes in the past two. He had a passer rating of at least 105 in five of the six games against AFC North opponents last season.

BROWNS PLAYER TO WATCH

DE Myles Garrett. The four-time All-Pro pass rusher has nine sacks against Burrow, his most against any quarterback. Garrett led the league with 22 tackles for loss last season, was second with 14 sacks and fourth with an 18.7%

pressure rate. He is the only player in the league with double-digit sacks in each of the past seven seasons.

KEY MATCHUP

Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase versus Browns secondary. Chase has struggled for most of his career against Cleveland, but he had 11 catches for 152

yards and two touchdowns last season. In the second meeting, Chase had his best success against the Browns on short routes. He had five receptions for 65 yards on passes under 10 air yards, including 42 yards after the catch.

KEY INJURIES

Both teams go into the opener healthy. Browns DT Mike Hall (knee) was the only player who did not practice on Wednesday.

SERIES NOTES

The Bengals swept the season series last season for the first time since 2017. Cincinnati has a 31-21 edge since Cleveland's return in 1999.

STATS AND STUFF

Cincinnati has lost its past three openers and is 7-14-1 under coach Zac Taylor in September games, the fourth-worst mark among teams since 2019. ... RB Chase Brown averaged 116.3 scrimmage yards per game over the final eight games of last season. ... DE Trey Hendrickson, who led the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks last season, has had at least half a sack in four straight

games against the Browns. ... LB Logan Wilson has 11 interceptions during his five seasons in the league, the most in the league by a linebacker since 2020. ... K Evan McPherson has made 24 field goals of at least 50 yards, tied for fifth most in the league since 2021. ... Cleveland is 3-21-1 in openers since 1999, but two of the wins have come in the past three seasons. ... The Browns are 9-2 in September games since 2020 with Kevin Stefanski as coach. ... QB Joe Flacco will be the eighth signal-caller age 40 or older to start a Week 1 game in the NFL since 1948. Flacco is 12-2 in starts in Cleveland. ... RB Jerome Ford has 92 rushing yards and a TD in the previous meeting against the Bengals. ... TE David Njoku has at least eight catches and 65 yards in each of the past two games against Cincinnati. ... WR Jerry Jeudy set a Browns single-season record with 90 catches last season.

FANTASY TIP

Bengals WR Tee Higgins had at least 50 receiving yards in six of seven road games last season and has a touchdown catch in two straight games against the Browns.

Colts host Dolphins and hope to end 11-game Week 1 losing streak

BY MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Each year the Indianapolis Colts preach the importance of starting fast.

Recently, it's been all talk. They've lost 11 straight Week 1 games, missed the playoffs in four consecutive years and are preparing to welcome their eighth opening-day starting quarterback in nine years after Daniel Jones beat out Anthony Richardson for the job.

Indy will try to find a solution to its season-opening blues when the Miami Dolphins visit on Sunday. The Colts will also honor their late owner, Jim Irsay, who died in May.

"We definitely want to break that streak," coach Shane Steichen said. "We're not just playing for ourselves. We're playing for this city, we're playing for Mr. Irsay every time we go out there. We know Miami is a good football team, but to start Week 1 at home and give everything we've got to break that streak will be huge."

Irsay made it clear in recent years that he expected the team to be better in season openers. His name will be added Sunday to the team's Ring of Honor alongside his late father, Robert Irsay.

With Jim Irsay's three daughters beginning their tenure as owners, Steichen altered the team's training camp routine, adding snaps and demanding more physicality in practice in hopes the Colts would get off to a better start.

Miami also wants to change direction after missing the playoffs for the sixth time in eight years.



AJ Mast/AP photo

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Daniel Jones throws before a preseason NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers on Aug. 16 in Indianapolis.

The Dolphins struggled when quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was injured early last season but finished with six wins in nine games.

Tyreek Hill, the game-changing All-Pro receiver, missed most of August camp with an oblique injury and only returned to practice last week when he did limited work.

"I feel great," Hill said. "I'm one of those guys, I never fall out of shape. I feel like I'll always be like the hardest worker on the team no matter what, because I'm always doing the small things, whether that's running after practice when nobody's watching or whether that's catching like 500 passes off the JUGS (machine) when nobody is watching. I've been doing all the small things right this whole entire time."

So, will some extra motivation to honor Irsay lead to the Colts celebrating a Week 1 win?

"If that's the history of the season opener, so be it," Pro Bowl cornerback Kenny Moore II said. "Our job is to go out and win a game.

It's not for the stat, it's not for the historical moment, we just want to get the job done."

WRONG WAY?

If cornerbacks Xavier Howard and JuJu Brents started walking to the wrong locker rooms Sunday, it would be understandable.

Howard spent eight seasons with Miami, where he was a 2020 All-Pro, a four-time Pro Bowler and a two-time NFL interception leader. Brents played his first two seasons in Indy. Howard and his ex-teammates in Miami both know what to expect.

"He's a great player," Hill said. "He's one of those guys who understands coverages, who understands certain routes, so we've got to be on top of our game. He's definitely a playmaker."

Miami released Howard after the 2023 season and Indy signed him in late August amid a rash of injuries that included Brents, who was claimed off waivers by the Dolphins following final cuts.

Wide receiver Higgins relishing chance to be back with the Bengals

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — For the first time in three years, Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins enters the season without his contract situation on his mind.

In 2023 and 2024, he wasn't able to work out a contract extension with the Bengals leading up to the start of the season. He hit the free agent market in March, and then the Bengals front office finalized a four-year deal with Higgins.

"It means a lot," Higgins said. "I appreciate the guys upstairs. I appreciate (owner) Mike Brown, (executive vice president) Katie Blackburn. The whole organization for believing in me and giving me another opportunity to play for this organization. It's a blessing from God."

With that level of security, he said that he's able to approach 2025 and Sunday's opener at the Cleveland Browns with a different mentality.

"In previous years, it was betting on myself," Higgins said. "Doing what I need to do to deserve a contract and things of that nature. Now, it's putting my best foot forward to keep playing my best football to put our team in the best position to win and make it to the playoffs. Then when we make it to the big game, win it."

In addition to Higgins, the Bengals signed a long-term deal with All-Pro receiver Ja'Marr Chase during the offseason. Chase's four-year deal keeps the core of the Bengals offense together.

Quarterback Joe Burrow led the NFL in passing yards last season, and he has given a lot of credit to his two star receivers. Bengals captain Ted Karras, the team's starting center, said that Chase and Higgins make up a big piece of the Bengals' identity.



Chris Szagola/AP photo

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins (5) talks to Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow (9) during the second half of an NFL preseason football game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Aug. 7 in Philadelphia.

"Those guys deserve and have earned everything that they've gotten," Karras said. "They showed up every day in the spring and every day in camp ready to go. They set an example for this team. They're worth 30% of a billion between the two of them. That's really special. That's a great example for everyone for how to work, how to be a professional and how to produce."

Coach Zac Taylor has said that he wants to build the Bengals offense around having an efficient completion percentage as well as an explosive element. Higgins' ability to reel in catches on quick plays over the middle as well as deep catches down the sideline have resulted in critical plays for the Bengals since Higgins was drafted in 2020.

When defenses throw more coverage at Chase, Higgins has capitalized. And when defenses throw more coverage at Higgins, Chase has taken advantage.

"We want to put pressure on the defense," Taylor said. "There's no three better players that showcase that than (Burrow, Chase and Higgins). When they line up, all eyes are on them. When Tee and Ja'Marr are going through

pregame warmups, everybody on the other sideline is looking at them. They're watching Joe. You watch the other quarterback coaches, the coordinator, they are watching Joe throw the ball. We don't take that for granted."

Higgins said that at different points of last season, he wasn't sure whether or not he was in the middle of his final year with the Bengals. He said that he made a point to take in the scene during the Bengals' final home game of 2024.

"Before that game, I knew that it could have been my last one," Higgins said. "I wanted to go out with a bang. That was my plan going into the game. That whole week, I was like, I've got to go out with a bang. I've got to go out with a bang. Then I had my best game since I've been here."

Higgins had 131 receiving yards as well as three touchdowns in that 30-24 win over the Broncos in Week 17 last season.

But after re-signing with the Bengals in March, he has many more games at Paycor Stadium ahead of him.

"I never want to take any moment for granted," Higgins said. "You enjoy that time with your brothers."

Jones gets another chance to prove himself after winning Colts QB job

BY MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Daniel Jones has had two weeks to get acclimated again to a familiar title — starting quarterback.

And this time, he intends to keep the job.

Nearly 11 months after the New York Giants demoted their one-time franchise quarterback to backup duty, and Jones subsequently requested and was granted his release then joined the Minnesota Vikings practice squad, he finds himself back atop the quarterback depth chart, this time in Indianapolis.

It's the moment he's been waiting for since he began navigating this comeback path.

•Quarterbacks are judged

by winning games, so that's what I'm focused on," Jones said Wednesday as the ramp up began for Sunday's season opener against the Miami Dolphins. "I think we have a group of guys who are all focused on the same way, so I'm excited to get out there."

Jones, the No. 6 overall draft pick in 2019, was not supposed to be here, restarting his career at age 28. After struggling through his first three seasons in New York, Jones finally started to look like the prospect team executives envisioned in 2022. In 16 games that season, Jones went 9-6-1, threw for a career-high 3,205 yards and had the best touchdown pass to interception ratio of his career, 15 to 5, as he led the Giants to their first playoff appearance in six years.

The reward: A four-year, \$160 million contract. Then everything went awry, again.

Injuries limited Jones to just six games in 2023. He was benched 10 games into last season. The stat lines from those final two seasons in New York — 13 interceptions, 10 touchdowns, and a 3-13 record — made it clear he no longer fit into the franchise's long-term plans.

Jones responded by reading a statement thanking the team and his teammates for their help and faith during his 5 1/2-year tenure in New York before recalibrating what he should do next.

In March, Jones became a first-time free agent, giving him

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Basketball Hall of Famer Raveling, who influenced Michael Jordan's Nike deal, dies at 88

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

George Raveling, a Hall of Fame basketball coach who played a role in Michael Jordan signing a landmark endorsement deal with Nike, has died. He was 88.

Raveling's family said Tuesday in a statement that he had “faced cancer with courage and grace.”

“There are no words to fully capture what George meant to his family, friends, colleagues, former players, and assistants — and to the world,” the family statement read. “He will be profoundly missed, yet his aura, energy, divine presence, and timeless wisdom live on in all those he touched and transformed.”

Raveling, who was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015, had a career record of 335-293 from 1972-94 at Washington State, Iowa and Southern California. He had a losing record in his first season at each school before making multiple trips to the NCAA Tournament.

His success at those programs landed Raveling on the U.S. Olympic basketball staffs in 1984 and 1988.

Jordan was on the 1984 team that won gold at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and Raveling helped convince him to sign with Nike. He introduced Jordan to Sonny Vaccaro at Nike, which helped lead to a



Young Kwak/AP photo

Former Washington State basketball head coach George Raveling looks on during the school's ceremony to honor him during halftime of an NCAA college basketball game between Washington State and Washington in Pullman, Wash. on Feb. 9, 2020.

contract that gave Jordan his own brand, made him millions of dollars and changed the athletic apparel industry.

Marlon Wayans portrayed Raveling in the 2023 movie “Air” that focused on Nike's courtship of Jordan.

“For more than 40 years, he blessed my life with wisdom, encouragement, and friendship,” Jordan said in a statement. “He was a mentor in every sense and I'll always carry deep gratitude for his guidance. I signed with Nike because of George, and without him, there would be no Air Jordan.”

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver called Raveling “a pioneering force” who helped

make basketball an international game.

“During his long and impactful tenure at Nike, George traveled the world — mentoring multiple generations of players and coaches and promoting the sport that defined his identity,” Silver said in a statement. “He broke barriers as a college basketball coach and was a towering voice in our industry. I valued my friendship with George and admired how he led with poise, dignity and respect.”

Raveling also owned the original copy of the “I Have a Dream” speech by Martin Luther King Jr. He was working security at the 1963 March on Washington in which King delivered one

of the most famous speeches in American history.

As King was exiting, Raveling saw him and asked if he could have the speech, and the reverend handed it to him. Raveling held on to the copy until 2021, when he donated it to his alma mater, Villanova.

He played at Villanova from 1957-60, averaged 12.3 points and 14.6 rebounds over his last two seasons. The Philadelphia Warriors drafted Raveling in the eighth round in 1960, but he didn't play in the NBA.

“The finest human being, inspiring mentor, most loyal alum and a thoughtful loving friend,” Jay Wright, who coached Villanova to national championships in 2016 and 2018, posted on X. “Coach Raveling lived his life for others, His heart was restless and kind and now rests In the lord!”

Current Villanova coach Kevin Willard said in a statement that he has “long appreciated the enormous impact Coach has made not just on our game, but on so many of us in it. I know Villanova held a special place in his heart and we are forever grateful for his contributions to this program.”

Raveling was involved in a serious car crash while coaching USC in 1994, breaking nine ribs, his collarbone and pelvis.

Force's charisma and demeanor remain undaunted despite long, tough recovery from horrific crash

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — John Force's flamboyant personality still shines brightly.

The memories of a horrific crash 14 months ago have started to fade away, and Force's charisma and million-dollar smile — two features that played a role in his success on the track and on television — remain in place.

He didn't stay away long, either.

Force attended his first post-crash race in late October. He has been at most of this year's races, including last weekend for the one he calls “the granddaddy of races” — the U.S. Nationals in Indianapolis. He still meets regularly with team members, shows off cars and, of course, enjoys mingling with fans in a new role — the non-racing team owner of John Force Racing.

“I'm just really glad I'm standing. Walking is a little rough for me on the starting line,” he said last week at a shop owned by his son-in-law, IndyCar driver Graham Rahal. “Sometimes, I've got to hang onto a pole, but I'm getting through it.”

Just arriving at this moment is a milestone for Force, especially considering his long, arduous journey since a catastrophic engine failure sent him crashing into a concrete wall in Virginia at roughly 300 mph. The rebound sent him careening



Michael Conroy/AP photo

Drag racing car owner John Force, left, and funny car driver Jack Beckman pose next to the team's newest car on Aug. 28 in Zionsville, Ind.

across the center line and into another wall.

He suffered a fractured sternum among other injuries, but it was the traumatic brain injury that forced the 76-year-old out of the car after winning 16 Funny Car titles and an NHRA-record 157 races. Force spent months working with specialized therapists on an outpatient basis in California as he tried to return to the sport that turned him and his family into national stars.

While he would, naturally, prefer driving, Force is following doctors' orders and is using the positive vibes from interacting with fans to help fuel his rehab.

“I love the fans,” Force said. “I ran other circuits but not like I've lived NHRA for the last 50, over 50, years. And I've got guys like (Jack) Beckman that taught my wife and my kids, they even snuck

my name on the side of (Beckman's) car. But Beckman is a great talker, (Austin) Prock is a great talker, Brittany (Force) is, so we get the job done.”

Those are the team's three regular drivers, and they've done well.

Prock and Beckman are first and second in the Funny Car points with six events remaining. Brittany Force, the latest of John Force's daughters to compete on drag strips, still ranks fifth in Top Fuel as she continues to race for her father.

But as difficult as the crash and recovery were on John Force, it was equally challenging for his 39-year-old daughter.

“Last year was really tough, just watching everything he went through and then we spent months in the hospital with him and then watching

him return,” Brittany Force said. “His first race after his wreck was Las Vegas, which, ironically, Austin and I doubled up (winning) and that to me was just a higher power. His first race back, both his cars get into the winner's circle and it was my first win in two years to the date.”

Behind the scenes, Brittany Force says not much has changed. She says her father loves family time, being at the team shop, and talking racing.

“One of the biggest things he's taught me is how we interact with the fans, and that's why he's so loved by his fans,” she said. “That's how he's always been.”

No, Force won't be climbing into or out of a car. But he's likely to be at whatever stop is next on the NHRA schedule. It's who he is. And after everything he's endured over all these months, he figures that's a pretty good place to be.

“There's nothing they can do to make me better, all they can do is teach me the things I'm off with,” he said. “But I'm the luckiest guy in the world. I don't get to drive my hot rod. They want me to warm it up, but with the problems I've got, I just, you know, do what the doctors tell me to do and I'm getting better.”

SOCCER

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Hilltoppers, Martin Gomez and Carlos Graterol each scored two goals, Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda had a goal and two assists, Bastian Bryknar had two assists and Mauro Felix had one assist.

Shawe, now 5-0 overall and 2-0 ORVC, hosted Jeffersonville on Thursday and travels to Switzerland County on Monday.

MADISON GIRLS BEAT DEARBORN

Madison girls soccer came away with a 4-1 win over South Dearborn on Wednesday in a battle of ranked teams played in Aurora.

Madison rolled into the match ranked 18th in Class 2A — but coming off back-

to-back losses to Terre Haute South Vigo and Oldenburg Academy — while South Dearborn was ranked 20th in Class 2A.

The Cubs, winners of six straight to start the season, got back on a winning tracks powering through the Knights to end their current skid.

Madison, now 7-2 on the season, hosted Greensburg (4-2) on Thursday and hosts Southwestern (2-1) on Tuesday.

CARROLL BOYS BEAT GALLATIN

Carroll County picked up a 4-1 31st District win over Gallatin County Wednesday on the road.

Cesar Castillo scored two goals for the Panthers, Gamaliel Maldonado had a goal and an assist and Zachary Richards had a goal.

Carroll, now 4-2 overall and 2-0 31st District, travels to

Walton-Verona on Saturday and hosts Henry County on Monday.

SWITZ BOYS TIE RIPLEY

Switzerland County and South Ripley battled to a scoreless draw in boys soccer Tuesday in Versailles.

Switzerland, now 5-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 ORVC, traveled to Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts Class A No. 7 Providence on Saturday. The Pacers then host Class A No. 13 Shawe on Monday.

CARROLL GIRLS FALL TO CALVARY

Carroll County's girls were shutout 2-0 by Calvary Christian on Tuesday at Panther Field in Carrollton.

Carroll, now 1-5 on the season, plays Pendleton County and Grant County at Grant on Saturday and hosts Henry County on Monday.

RACING

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Madison Racing would not be able to continue,” said Bipes. “We are humbled by their generosity and their belief in our mission.”

The same crew from the Miss Madison shop will return and Brandon Kennedy will once again drive the boat.

“Everything we saw in Madison this past season was very promising,” Kennedy

said. “We're committed to building on that momentum, and with more preparation time this offseason, I'm confident we can come back stronger than ever.”

“Miss Madison's racing heritage continues into its 65th year,” said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. “Since the early 1960s, Miss Madison has thrilled her local fans and the world alike with her style and determination. The City of Madison is proud to be part of this racing tradition.”



LEGAL NOTICE

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2504-MF-000344 wherein Citizens Bank, N.A. was Plaintiff, and Hannah R. White were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 25 day of September, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Property located in the State of Indiana, County of Jefferson, Being a part of the west one-half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the one-half section line, which point is 737 south of the northwest corner of the above-described Quarter Section; thence running South 86 degrees East 600 feet, more or less, to the West line of a larger tract formerly owned by Bruce A Yadon and wife; thence South 4 degrees West 163 feet; thence North 86 degrees West 600 feet to the half-section line; thence North on the half-section line 163 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2.25 acres, more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

More commonly known as: 7617 South State Road 62, Lexington, IN 47138
State Parcel No.: 39-16-09-000-019.000-012

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws

Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County

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The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
CAUSE NO. 78C01-2505-PL-000165**

TOWN OF VEVAY, Plaintiff, v. JASON W. LYON, SHAUNA LYON, and CREATIVE FOUNDATIONS, LLC Defendants.

PETITION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION
Plaintiff, Town of Vevay ("Town"), by counsel, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-7-9-21, respectfully petitions this Court for an Order authorizing demolition of an unsafe building located at 516 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043 ("the Property"), and in support states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND PARTIES
1. Plaintiff, Town of Vevay, is a municipal corporation organized under Indiana law, acting by and through its Unsafe Building Enforcement Authority pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-7-9 and Town Ordinance § 150.32.
2. Defendant Jason W. Lyon is the record titleholder of the Property.
3. Defendant Shauna L. Hardin (a/k/a Shauna Lyon) is a record titleholder of the Property.
4. Other individuals or entities may hold substantial property interests in the Property.
5. Plaintiff has provided statutory notice to all such parties known to it.

II. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND
6. On July 30, 2025, the Town Marshal, acting as Unsafe Building Enforcement Officer, inspected the Property and determined it to be unsafe within the meaning of Indiana Code § 36-7-9-4.
7. On July 31, 2025, the Town Marshal issued an Order to Demolish the structure, finding that it posed a fire hazard, constituted a public nuisance, was unfit for human habitation, and was incapable of being reasonably repaired.
8. Notice of the hearing on the demolition order was provided to all persons with a known substantial property interest, as required by law.
9. On August 5, 2025, the Town Council of the Town of Vevay, sitting as the Unsafe Building Hearing Authority, convened a hearing. Defendants failed to appear despite proper notice. Filed: 8/20/2025 8:18 AM
Switzerland Circuit Court
Switzerland County, Indiana
10. Following the hearing, the Hearing Authority entered written Findings of Fact and Order affirming the Order to Demolish and authorizing the Town Marshal to vacate, seal, and demolish the structure if Defendants failed to comply.
11. The Unsafe Building Hearing Authority determined that demolition is the only appropriate abatement measure.
12. This Court has previously entered an Amended Order Granting Preliminary Injunction prohibiting occupancy of the premises and authorizing the Town to secure the building.
13. The Defendants have failed and refused to comply with the Hearing Authority's Order.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED
13. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-7-9-21, the Town may petition this Court for authority to carry out the demolition and removal of the unsafe structure.
14. Demolition is necessary to abate the unsafe condition and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Town of Vevay, respectfully requests that the Court:

A. Enter an Order authorizing the Town Marshal, or contractors engaged by the Town, to enter upon the Property at 516 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana, and to demolish and remove the unsafe structure;
B. Authorize the Town to assess the costs of such demolition and removal as a lien against the Property, with priority as provided by Indiana Code § 36-7-9-13;
C. Direct the Sheriff of Switzerland County to assist as necessary in enforcing this Court's Order; and
D. Grant all other just and proper relief.

/s/ Douglas A. Garner
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I hereby certify that on the 20th day of August, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Order Authorizing Demolition was served electronically through the Indiana E-Filing System ("IEFS") upon all counsel of record who have appeared in this cause.
/s/ Douglas A. Garner
Douglas A. Garner

JONESFROM **PAGE B3**

the chance to determine where he'd land.

The attraction to Indy was

obvious. Coach Shane Steichen and general manager Chris Ballard both had acknowledged they needed a potential starter to challenge Anthony Richardson, Indy's two-year incumbent and the No. 4

overall draft pick in 2023, for the starting job.



**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF OFFERING OF
REAL ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") is offering for sale certain real estate generally located along Indiana Highway 156 near Florence, Indiana within the Markland Business Park Redevelopment District. The notice is published in accordance with IC 5-3-1 and IC 36-7-14-22. At a designated time, the Commission will open and consider sealed written offers for purchase. The property must be used consistently with the redevelopment plan; additional use restrictions may apply. If a trust submits a bid, the offer must identify each beneficiary and the settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust. An offering sheet, further terms and conditions of sale, and appraisal information may be obtained at the office of the Switzerland County Auditor, 212 West Main St, Vevay, IN. Dated this 5th day of September 2025. Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission"



**STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT**

TOWN OF VEVAY, Plaintiff,
v.
JASON W. LYON, SHAUNA LYON, and CREATIVE FOUNDATIONS, LLC Defendants.

CAUSE NO. 78C01-2505-PL-000165

**ORDER SETTING HEARING
ON PETITION FOR ORDER
AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION**

The Court, having reviewed the Plaintiff's Petition for Order Authorizing Demolition filed pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-7-9-21, now finds that the matter should be scheduled for hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:
1. A hearing on the Plaintiff's Petition for Order Authorizing Demolition is hereby scheduled for the 9th day of September 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Switzerland County Circuit Court.
2. Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order, along with the Petition, on all Defendants pursuant to the Indiana Trial Rules, and shall file proof of service with the Court prior to the hearing.

Dated: 8/20/2025

/s/
JUDGE, SWITZERLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT



The Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 420 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana. Board Members
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IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NO. 39C01-2506-MI-603

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Kellen Kane Hon
Name of Minor
Brittany Danielle Hon
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Brittany Danielle Hon, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on May 23, 2025 to change the name of Kellen Kane Hon to Kellen James Coffey. The schedule for hearing in the Jefferson County Court on August 19, 2025. Which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. 6/16/2025 Date

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Fever’s Clark improving but still not cleared for contact drills

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PHOENIX — Caitlin Clark is improving but still hasn't been cleared for contact drills during practice.

With only a week left in the regular season, the Indiana star participated in full-court drills without defense during a shootaround before the Fever faced the Phoenix Mercury on Tuesday night.

Coach Stephanie White told reporters that the second-year guard had been limited to shooting drills and individual work. She said she hopes Clark will return before the end of the season. Indiana entered Tuesday seventh in the standings, battling for a postseason spot.

“She’s working as hard as she can to make sure that she is coming back or is capable of coming back,” White said. “I think that the long-term viewpoint of her health and wellness is the most important thing.”

Clark has been sidelined with



Indiana Fever's Caitlin Clark reacts at the end of the first half of a WNBA basketball game against the Golden State Valkyries on Sunday in San Francisco.

a right groin injury since July 15 and Tuesday night's game was the 19th in a row she has missed. The 2024 Rookie of the Year has only played in 13 games this season while dealing with injuries to her left quad, left groin and right groin.

White said last week that Clark needs to take part in multiple practices before she can be cleared to play. After Tuesday, Indiana has games against Chicago, Washington and Minnesota.



Indiana Fever's Caitlin Clark sits on the bench before a WNBA basketball game against the Golden State Valkyries on Sunday in San Francisco.

UC San Diego to join West Coast Conference in 2027

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

UC San Diego is joining the West Coast Conference in 2027, giving the league 10 members for the 2027-28 school year in the latest round of conference realignment.

The Tritons will compete in 14 of the WCC's 16 sponsored events, including men's and women's basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball. The school will seek a conference affiliation for the remaining 10 sports it sponsors.

“We continually identify valuable opportunities to expand our membership, and the addition of UC San Diego greatly aligns with the goals of the West Coast

Conference,” WCC Commissioner Stu Jackson said in a statement Wednesday. “UC San Diego’s meteoric rise during its recent NCAA Division I transition is the result of strong leadership, strategic investment and deliberate planning for postseason success.”

UC San Diego completed its four-year transition to Division I last year, becoming the first school in NCAA history to have both its men’s and women’s basketball programs reach the NCAA Tournament in its inaugural year of Division I postseason eligibility.

UC San Diego's move will give the WCC eight schools from California.

“We are excited to join the West Coast Conference, propelling our

Triton scholar-athletes to new heights of excellence alongside top-tier teams in a range of sports and advancing our long-term strategic vision,” UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla said in a statement. “This move expands our reach across major West Coast metropolitan areas, amplifying our audience, media coverage and national presence.”

The WCC is losing national basketball powerhouse Gonzaga to the Pac-12 next year, but added Seattle this year. Grand Canyon initially agreed to leave the Western Athletic Conference for the WCC in May, but backed out to join the Mountain West Conference instead, triggering a lawsuit for breach of contract.



UC San Diego head coach Heidi VanDerveer throws the net to her team as they celebrate after defeating UC Davis in an NCAA college basketball game in the championship of the Big West Conference tournament on March 15 in Henderson, Nev.

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County Council OKs minimum wheel tax to ensure road funding

BY BOB DEMAREE

Editor's Note: Due to a production issue, a portion of the Jefferson County Council story was omitted from Tuesday's edition. The story is being reprinted in its entirety.

A wheel tax on Jefferson County vehicles was adopted 4-3 by County Council Thursday, after the narrow majority reluctantly approved the measure as perhaps the only way to ensure adequate funding to maintain county roads.

"This is not easy for anyone on this council. Unfortunately, the state has put us in a rather difficult position," said Council President Chris Shelton. The county rate will be \$7.50 for passenger motor vehicles and lesser weight vehicles and \$5 for heavier vehicles — both minimums under the wheel tax ordinance.

The wheel tax is the result of House Enrolled Act 1461 that was passed by the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year that makes adoption of the tax a requirement to be eligible for Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG), which this year provided \$1.5 million to the county for its roads. In order for wheel tax to go into effect on Jan. 1, the County Council had to adopt it by Sept. 1.

Shelton was joined by Pam Crozier, Ray Denning and Heather Foy in voting yes while Council members Ray Black Jr., Gary Copeland and Dwayne May voted no.

Crozier was emotional in talking about her decision on the wheel tax. "I went back and forth" and then "I was an absolute no." But in the end, she voted yes because of the importance of maintaining county roads for the safety of those who drive those highways.

She said road closures on U.S. 421 and State Road 56 earlier this year resulted in considerable damage to county roads, noting County Highway Superintendent Jason Copeland "was constantly keeping up with maintaining roads, and having to change where he was maintaining roads, and changing his plan for his road repairs, and I saw his budget change constantly."

In addition, she said there were hazardous road conditions during the winter months and flooding in the spring that caused road damage, and if roads are not properly maintained that creates concern about "getting those kids to and from school, and keeping the roads safe. I thought, if we do not keep our roads safe and have road repairs, that's an infrastructure we can't do without ... If those roads aren't safe, and someone has an accident, and then we haven't done our proper due diligence to maintain a budget on that road, and we're not maintaining those roads, and

we could have done something, that falls on my shoulders to make that decision, and they are hard decisions sometimes."

Shelton said the Council's decision on the wheel tax was "was made necessary unfortunately by the state and their actions. We would have, to have had, another option but no one was walking around offering us a million plus dollars a year, and that's the cold hard facts. Without the money, the roads will deteriorate, and we'll also lose our infrastructure which makes Jefferson County a non-desirable place for people to locate to. We love our community. We love our county and we want to have the ability for our citizens to be able to travel the roads safely, and our children and school buses."

Indiana General Assembly established a maximum of \$25 and a minimum of \$7.50 for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, collector vehicles, trailer vehicles with a gross weight less than 9,000 pounds, trucks with a gross weight less than 11,000 pounds, mini trucks or military vehicles.

The legislation also set a maximum of \$40 and minimum of \$5 for buses, recreational vehicles, semitrailers, trailers with a gross weight above 9,000 pounds or trucks and tractors with a gross weight above 11,000 pounds.

The council went with the minimum rates of \$7.50 and \$5, not wanting to burden Madison residents too much since Madison City Council, similarly impacted by the legislations, had already set its wheel tax at the maximum rates of \$25 and \$40.

Foy said the stacking of tax that will make Madison residents pay both city and county wheel taxes is "probably the most controversial and frustrating piece of this ... I try not to use the word double because if you live in the city's jurisdiction it's not doubling. They chose to do the highest amount. We chose the lowest, which is \$7.50 so it is not doubled." Still, Foy said even with the county choosing the minimum, she's still not comfortable about that, and is hopeful the Indiana General Assembly can eliminate the stacking in future legislation. "As we understand it, there are people in the state who are fighting for that to have that provision put back in there" that doesn't allow the stacking.

The county will only get a portion of the wheel tax that it collects — the receipts will be divided among the other municipalities in the county — with 16.6% to Madison, 4.17% to Hanover, 0.66% to Dupont and 0.16% to Brooksbury. It's estimated the county will collect

\$264,972.05 from the wheel tax, but keep \$207,786.06.

Council member Gary Copeland said, "I would respectfully say it took guts to vote yes or no on this. Obviously I voted no but the vote is 4-3 and we have to appeal to the majority but I'm troubled. I don't want to impose taxes on the city or county at all, and I'm troubled they'll come back next year and want more. I hope that doesn't happen but they could. The citizens need to get engaged in something like this to keep this from happening again."

The audience applauded Greg Sanders of Hanover, after his remarks, "I know it was a real difficult decision for each of you to make regardless of which direction you voted. We all appreciate what you all have had to go through mentally and emotionally to make this decision. It doesn't matter what side you're on, it's a tough decision but we know the state put you in a tough spot. I personally thank you all for the tough decision you had to make."

County Auditor Heather Huff encouraged citizens to reach out to state legislators on changes coming to the local income tax in 2028. "I would reach out to legislators now because it's already in the works that income tax would be stacked if you live in the city of Madison. Senate Bill 1 basically takes away LIT as we know it ... This is just a heads up, they've already put this in for other taxes as well."

Shelton said the state will be reducing property taxes, and "putting it back on the counties, back on the cities, back on the townships to recoup money to support their schools, to support their roads and everything else," and leaving a void in the county budgets. "This is not a good plan."

Shelton illustrated that with property taxes, "you have payments taken twice a year out of your right pocket, spring taxes and fall taxes. The way it's written today you're going to go from that to a smaller bill in the spring and the fall but you're going have constant money coming out of your left pocket on every paycheck on the local income tax. It doesn't feel right. It doesn't smell right. I encourage you to please reach out to state legislators" because without raising the local income taxes, it's going to leave shortfalls in budgets" that can only be made up with higher local income taxes.

Council member Ray Denning said that in shifting the tax burden less on property taxes and more on local government, it's "changed from invisible guys in Indianapolis being the bad guys to your neighbors being the bad guys."

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Board approves bid for Lake Jericho Campgrounds

BY JOE DURBIN
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Emotions erupted as the Little Kentucky River Watershed Conservancy District Board voted to accept a bid from Jeremy Chilton and Dylan Taylor to lease the Lake Jericho Campgrounds, a 10-year agreement that includes a three-phase renovation.

The decision came during a special called meeting held at the 4-H Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds near New Castle. After a long pause, board member Paul Baxter made the motion to accept Chilton and Taylor's bid contingent on the contract becoming effective Jan. 1, 2026.

After a second from board member Macy Foree, the board voted unanimously with the exception of board member Butch Foree, who

recused himself because he is an employee of Wayne's Outdoor Equipment La Grange Polaris Dealer and works for Chilton.

The winning bid includes payment of \$1,000 per month for 10 years to lease the lake from the board, including an early termination option after the first 24 months.

The bid also has three phases of "repair, restoration, and expansion," where the first phase removes all current camping structures and tenants for renovations, with the latter phases focusing on implementing new amenities.

Bidders Melissa, Crystal, and Chantel Ramsey were audibly upset during and after the vote. All three said that Lake Jericho has been their home and place of employment for decades.

In a Facebook post after the meeting, bidder Ever

"DJ" Carroll said that "it smells like home cooking out here," and complained about the lack of questions, discussion and "desire to produce a good result of this bidding process ..."

No details were available at presstime, on when residents will need to vacate the premises and whether they will receive any assistance to do that other than the winning bid states that the first phase of renovations includes "removal of all current camping structures and tenants ..."

The 137-acre lake, ranging from 10 to 40 feet deep, was created with an earthen damn in the late 1960s in an effort to help control flooding in the community of Sulphur and parts of Trimble County along the Little Kentucky River.

BPWS OKs street closing changes, PACE awards

BY BOB DEMAREE

With fall festival and activities in full force, Mayor Bob Courtney invited "everyone to enjoy what's going on" in Madison at Tuesday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, while also being mindful of the construction zone on Main Street between Mill and Broadway streets.

"Be careful as you traverse around the community," he cautioned.

Action at the meeting included approval of an amendment to the resolution for street closings for this weekend's Unbroken Circle Music Festival that also

permits closing the city's vacant lot at Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive.

Festival organizer Brent Turner said the lot will be used for truck parking. Also approved was a street closing on Vaughn Drive east of the bridge to Ferry Street for the Madison Regatta Balloon Glow on Sunday night, previously approved for June but canceled due to weather.

The board also approved final PACE payment of \$7,500 for rehabilitation at 523 Jefferson Street, owned by Kim Stone, on work that included repainting the exterior, replacing windows, replacing gutters and tuck-pointing a stone wall.

A midpoint award of \$3,750 for rehabilitation at 311 East Street, owned by Addie Davis, was approved. Work includes replacement of street facing windows and the front door and work still to be done includes replacing the steps and painting the exterior.

Courtney also made note that it is the end of the season for Crystal Beach Aquatic Park. "I do want to thank all the lifeguards, managers and the parks department, and everybody who patronized Crystal Beach this summer. It's been a great season."

He said city workers will now be preparing the pool for winter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Chelsea Jubilee
Saluda Township Park, 5860 South State Road 62, Lexington
Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6
On Friday Country Kickers Line Dancing at 5 p.m. and No Name Band at 7 p.m. On Saturday, tractor parade at noon, kids games at 12:30 p.m., gospel music by Sounds of Saxophones at 5 p.m. and Smokin Cinders Band at 7 p.m.

Hoosier Theater Play
209 Ferry St., Vevay
Sept. 5-7, Sept. 12-13
Historic Hoosier Theater's fall production "The Legend of Robin Hood...Sort of," a comedy by Pat Cook, Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, and Saturday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Admission \$12.

Trimble County Apple Festival
Trimble County Courthouse Square in Bedford, Kentucky

Saturday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Crafts, food, fun and activities that include Miss apple Festival and other pageants, apple pie contest, and apple cider relay. Music on Saturday by Craig Cole at 12:30 p.m., Keegan Hutton at 2:30 p.m. and Robby Cox at 4:30 p.m. Music on Sunday by Infinite Realm at 12:30 p.m. and Bee Camp Boys at 2:30 p.m.

Old Timbers Open House
Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, Sept. 6, 1-6 p.m.
The Big Oaks Conservation Society is hosting an open house at the historic Old Timbers Lodge. Access to the Lodge will be from Gate 8 at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, which is about 1 mile south of New Marion on Old Michigan Road. The Society will offer tours of the Lodge as well as short tours of portions of Big Oaks NWR. Light

refreshments will be served.

MCHS Bowling Team Car Show
Madison Consolidated High School parking lot
Saturday, Sept. 6
Gates open at 10:30 a.m. with trophies awarded at 3 p.m. for the third annual Bowling team car show.

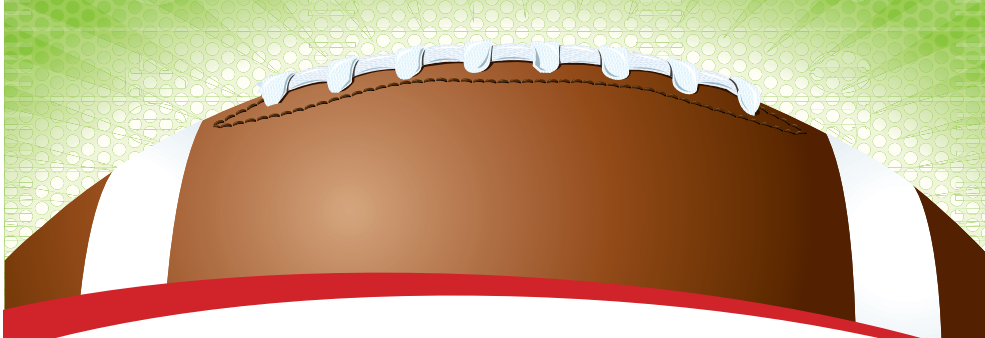
Madison Regatta Balloon Glow
Riverboat Inn, 906 East First Street, Madison
Sunday, Sept. 7
Balloon inflation starts at 6 p.m., with tethered rides, food trucks, and balloons lifting off. Balloon glow from 8:30 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. Parking is available on the south side of Vaughn Drive. Weather permitting.

Evening Farmers Market
Jefferson County Courthouse
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Madison Main Street presents a special evening Farmers Market.

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